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School Committee hears updates on grants and goals

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee received updates on student activities at the high school, grants, superintendent goals, and leadership searches on March 12.

High school student representative Shubhangi Tripathi shared about recent activities including the Model United Nations conference, DECA state career development conference, field trip to Boston, Robotics Team qualifying for state championships, World Cultures Club celebrating Mardi Gras, and the WHS cheerleaders winning the Division III State Championship.

The committee approved the receipt of grants from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in the amounts of \$15,000 and \$35,000; \$13,197.25 from Wilmington Educational Foundation; and a grant for world language pro-

gram enhancement in the amount of \$11,814.

They also heard from Math Team Leader Mary Beth Valuk and Science Team Leader Julie Kim regarding the DESE grants. Valuk explained that they applied to career pathways with internship programs for seniors. Students would be required to take four technical courses and two advanced courses along with completing 100 hours of an internship.

They already selected the course options and solidified internship options.

Jay Samaha asked whether they considered concurrent enrollment with any local colleges. Kim replied that they looked into concurrent enrollment at UMass Lowell, but it would have been cost prohibitive for the students.

Valuk shared they spent over 150 hours each writing their applications for these grants and also received support from

School Counseling Team Leader Mollie Dickerson and high school assistant principal Mark Staffier. She also mentioned that the grant money would allow them to purchase materials to launch the program such as laser printers, graphing calculators, and sensors.

The committee members were thrilled to hear about these grants and appreciated the level of effort put in by these teachers.

Regarding the grants from WEF, Stephen Turner noted that WEF does amazing work and scrutinizes the grant applications they receive. David Ragsdale commented with appreciation of the 16 staff members involved in applying for these grants.

They then held the second read of the 2025-2026 school year calendar. Dr. Mike Mercaldi commented that he would not be changing his vote on the preferred calendar option, as he felt the two weeks off of school for

winter break is too long. The final vote on the calendar passed with four votes in favor from Samaha, Turner, Bryson, and Fennelly; and three votes against from Mercaldi, Golden, and Ragsdale.

They also approved updates to the non-discrimination and harassment policy.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand brought progress on his superintendent goals at this junction. Brand explained that he continued to focus on the work they began in the fall despite his forthcoming departure from the school district.

The four goals he outlined included communication, school safety planning, the Wildwood school project, and the middle school program review. Some recent progress in the middle school program review included review of Math and ELA curriculum, with a Unified Arts review in progress and a plan to seek

more culture and climate data.

Chair Jesse Fennelly established that they felt the committee should still conduct their regular superintendent goals evaluation to establish what work would be continued by the interim and permanent superintendents.

Turner asked if they encapsulated learning from the district leadership visits to be handed off to the next district leaders.

Ragsdale added that he'd want to see WMS Principal Brain Cairra report on the middle school before the end of the school year.

Brand pointed out that the committee's calendar would include presentations of all school improvement plans.

Samaha stated that the committee should discuss these goals further and determine what will be expected of the district's next leader.

Brand later announced that Cairra emerged as the preferred candidate

for the WMS permanent principal role. He mentioned that Cairra began teaching English at the middle school in 2010 before moving into administration in 2020. He assured the committee they followed the same approach for internal and external candidates and carefully reviewed all of the feedback.

The role change from interim to permanent principal was effective immediately. They would now begin the search for a new assistant middle school principal.

Dr. Jenn Bryson shared that they held the first screening committee meeting for the interim superintendent search led by NESDEC. She said that the next meeting would be on March 24 for reviewing applicants, and interview candidates would be presented to the committee in April.

The committee will meet next on Wednesday, March 26.

School Committee receives policy updates

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Two updated policies on administering medication to students and competency determinations were reviewed by the Wilmington School Committee during their March 12 meeting.

School Committee member David Ragsdale established that they were updating the policy on administering medications to students to keep it in line with current regulations from the Department of Public Health.

Wilmington Coordinator of Nursing Services Rebecca Brown stated that this policy should have been reviewed previously. She established that part of her creden-

tial renewal required every three years to allow the school nurses to give medications requires reviewing this policy.

To align the policy with Massachusetts General Law, they needed to document how nurses document medication and add language about alternative therapies.

Brown described that the added language would allow the district to "train" unlicensed staff to give EpiPens and the physicians' order for known allergies. However, she said, "it is not for an unlicensed staff person to give an EpiPen to someone with an unknown allergy."

They would be able to dedicate medication to staff members who take the delegation course

and give a student one medication without assessment at the same time every day. The delegation would only be for when the trained staff member is out of the building; they couldn't delegate a new staff member across state or country lines.

Jay Samaha asked if students on field trips to different states or countries would administer their medication to themselves. Brown explained that students are expected to self-carry and self-administer their medication in these cases.

For this reason, she said that they emphasize with parents the need to disclose every medication in the field trip form and teachers

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Cell phone working group provides preliminary report

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On March 12, Coordinator of Nursing Services Rebecca Brown provided a preliminary report on efforts made by the student cell phone use working group for the School Committee.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand began by mentioning that some of the School Committee members themselves were involved in this work. He thanked all

the participating district staff, students and parents and guardians in Wilmington. He explained that several nearby districts had set policies, procedures and expectations regarding the use of cell phones in school.

Brown then shared her perceptions of the work so far. She said that the stakeholders worked well together, and even though they each started with an idea of where they wanted their discussions to go, during their meetings they were all respectful and open about the topic. She also mentioned the attorney general put out a toolkit that lays the foundation for the work that they would do and provided important information. The working group did research and looked at the

policies, procedures and expectations put forth by other school districts. They carefully created a survey for the community on the use of cell phones in schools. Brown reported that they received many survey results so far, and she expected the results to provide the data the group really needed.

One theme that had already emerged from their discussions was that the teachers were looking for guidance on the use of phones in the classroom. They said that they were struggling with consistency.

Brown mentioned that Lisa Federici shared good insight about the use of phones at the middle school, where students still

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Wilmington election

Early/absentee ballots available in clerk's office

WILMINGTON — Early/absentee ballots are here! The Town of Wilmington started mailing them out.

People can vote early in person at the Town Clerk's Office during their normal business hours until April 23. As of April 1, those hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Tuesday they will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays they will be open from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

They can also request a vote by mail or absentee ballot. The applica-

tions for each are here: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/download/vote-by-mail-applications/vote-by-mail-application-2023.pdf> or <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/download/absentee-ballot-applications/Absentee-Ballot-Application-English.pdf>

The deadline to request a mailed ballot is 5 p.m. on April 18. After the Town Hall closes on that day, voters can drop off their applications at the police department. Online applications must be received by midnight on

April 18. Those ballots will be mailed out on April 22.

The deadline for us to receive the ballot in our office is at the close of polls on April 26, so applying early is encouraged. Ballots can be dropped off at the Town Hall in the drop box near the main entrance, in our office, or mailed.

A copy of the specimen ballot is here: https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif5221/f/events/2025_specimen_ballot.pdf

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Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, March 25, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 26, 2 p.m.
Thursday, March 27, 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Bookends Book Group

Monday, March 24, 10 a.m.
This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Associate Rebecca. Copies of the book are available in the library. Featured Book: The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, March 24, 6-8 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in.

Hybrid: Hearing Aid Tips & Tricks

Monday, March 24, 7pm
This hybrid monthly meeting is a place for people to trade tips and tricks on how to get the most out of their hearing aids. Led by Technology Librarian Brad. You can attend in-person or virtually on Zoom.

Virtual:

Behind Their Screens
Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.
Dr. Emily Weinstein and Dr. Carrie James, co-founders of the Center for Digital Thriving at Harvard Graduate School of Education and authors of the impactful book, Behind Their Screens, will join us virtually to share surprising insights from their latest research about teens and technology.

Coffeehouse Concert: Kathleen Parks Band
Thursday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.

Come in for the cold for our next Coffeehouse Concert with the Kathleen Parks Band. Kathleen Parks is a fiddler, singer, and songwriter who brings joyful and creative energy to the stage and studio.

Youth Programs



▲ WML's Annual Poetry Contest is back for 2025! This year's theme is Verse vs. Verse — it's all about play and gaming! Submissions will be open until Wednesday, April 30, and the contest is open to all ages. For more information, visit wilmlibrary.org/poetry-contest-2025. (Courtesy photo)

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, March 24, 10 a.m.
Join the Community Teamwork Family Resource Network for a community playgroup where they'll work on Early Literacy skills and much more! Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Graphic Novel Book Club

Monday, March 24, 6 p.m.
Graphic novel readers unite! Join our book club to discuss our book of the month, eat snacks, and vote on the next novel. Each month, there'll be a new graphic novel for participants to pick up at the library and read in advance. Featured Graphic Novel: Super Pancake by Megan Wagner Lloyd. Grades 3-5

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday, March 25, 10 a.m.
Join us at Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2! Ages 3-6

Time for Twos
Wednesday, March 26, 10 a.m.
Time for Twos includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2! Age 2

Baby Time
Thursday, March 27, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes

books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Read to Stormy

Thursday, March 27, 4-5:30 p.m. (15-minute sessions)
Come practice your reading skills with Therapy Dog, Stormy! Sign-up for one 15-minute session per child or family. Grades K-6

Playful Pathways: Animal Architects
Saturday, March 29, 11 a.m.
During our Construction and Building Unit, we'll be practicing our STEAM skills to create animal homes out of a variety of materials! Ages 0-5

Additional Information

Upcoming Library Closure

Wilmington Memorial Library will be closed from 9 to 11 a.m. for staff training on Friday, March 28. The library will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day.

Keep Logging Minutes During Minute Madness!
Can you help Team WML out-read other Massachusetts libraries? From now until April 4, log your reading as we fight for a spot in the Minute Madness Championship. Last year we brought home the win

— can we do it again? Register on Beanstack at www.wilmlibrary.beanstack.com/reader365 or grab a paper log at the library!

Join us for the Annual Friends of WML Jewelry Sale!

The Friends of WML's Donated Jewelry Sale is back for 2025! This year's sale will be Friday, April 4th from 5-8pm and Saturday, April 5th from 9am-2pm. The Friends will be selling fine and fashion jewelry, including necklaces, bracelets, pins, rings, men's & kid's jewelry, and more! Please note: Friday

will have timed tickets. No large bags or backpacks allowed. For more information, visit www.wilmlibrary.org/about/friends/friends-annual-jewelry-sale.

Save the Date:
Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

(The Fez Room at the Shriner's Auditorium)
Wilmington Memorial Library is hosting best-selling novelist Chris Bohjalian whose newest book The Jackal's Mistress comes out in March! This first event in our new offsite author series will feature a presentation by Mr. Bohjalian, book sales/signing, a cash bar, and light refreshments. Registration begins in late March.

Book Store Next Door
Regular hours are back at The Book Store Next Door! The bookstore is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting www.wilmlibrary.org/services/mp.

WML In-Person & Virtual Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs and is required for all virtual programs, as you will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. You can register on our website at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling (978) 658-2967.

'Yes for Wilmington Schools' campaign targets yes vote at September Town Meeting for new school

WILMINGTON — The Yes for Wilmington Schools Committee is proud to announce the launch of its campaign for a "Yes" vote to fund a PreK-5 elementary school located at the North Intermediate School site. The committee plans to run a resident-powered campaign to encourage Yes votes at the Sept 13 special Town Meeting & Sept 16 ballot vote and is looking for volunteers and donations to support these efforts.

"Supporting this new elementary school is deeply personal for me," said Hailey Stewart, Wilmington resident, Yes for Wilmington Schools Chair, and parent of a 4- and 6-year old. "All children in our town deserve facilities that match their potential, spark their curiosity and nurture their growth. That's why I'm proud to chair this campaign and advocate for an investment that will benefit our entire community for decades," Stewart added.

Endorsements:

The campaign is proud to share that several private individuals and community groups have endorsed a "Yes" vote so far:

- State Representative Dave Robertson: "As a State Rep. and a product of public schools I believe in replacing our school and stand ready to work with our community in a way that maximizes our state aid to ensure retirees and those on fixed incomes are minimally impacted," said Robertson.
- Select Board member Lilia Maselli "This project is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in Wilmington's future — providing our children with the modern, unified learning environment they deserve while maximizing state funding to ease the burden on taxpayers. I'm proud to support this plan that strengthens our schools and our community for decades to come," said Maselli.
- The Parent/Guardian Advocates for Wilmington, MA Schools (PAWS) Planning Team

- Board of the Shawheen / West PAC
- Board of the Boutwell PAC
- School Committee member Jesse Fennelly
- School Committee member Jennifer Bryson
- School Committee member Michael Mercaldi
- School Committee member Jay Samaha
- School Committee member Nicholas Golden
- School Committee member David Ragsdale
- School Committee member Stephen Turner
- Former School Committee member Melissa Plowman

How You Can Help:
Wilmington residents interested in supporting this effort — please fill out the following google form. The team is looking for Wilmington residents interested in supporting the campaign through volunteering to help get out the vote, pre-ordering lawn signs and donating to support printing/mailer costs. Donations of all kinds are deeply appreciated

at <https://donorbox.org/yes-for-wilmington-schools>. Checks can be made out to "Yes, for Wilmington Schools Committee."

Important Notes:

- The new PreK-5 school would replace the closed Wildwood School, as well as the Woburn Street and North Intermediate schools, which were constructed in 1965, 1963/68, and 1962, respectively. Current school operations would continue during construction.
- The school project began in 2021, and following years of meetings, including multiple community surveys and forums, is now poised to receive tens in millions of dollars in state funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to help pay for the project.
- Should either September vote fail, the town will have to start that extremely competitive MSBA process all over again to receive state funding, or have Wilmington taxpayers

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ESSENTIAL RESOURCES TO REBUILD RECORDS AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER

It may be important for victims of a disaster to reconstruct their tax and financial records to help prove and document their losses so they can get federal assistance or insurance reimbursement. Below are some tips to help people reconstruct important records they may need as they begin to recover and rebuild.

Tax records: Taxpayers can get free tax return transcripts immediately using Get Transcript on IRS.gov. If they don't have internet access, taxpayers can order transcripts by calling 800-908-9946 and following the prompts.

Financial statements: People can gather past statements from their credit card company or bank. These records may be available online. If not, people can also contact their bank to get paper copies.

Property records: Homeowners can get documents related to their property by contacting the title company, escrow company or bank that handled the purchase of their home or other property. Taxpayers who made home improvements can get in touch with the contractors who did the work and ask for statements to verify the work and cost. They can also get written descriptions from friends and relatives who saw the house before and after any improvements. Those who inherited property can check court records for probate values. If a trust or estate existed, taxpayers can contact the attorney who handled the trust.

People with no property records available should check the county assessor's office for old records that might address the value of the property. Vehicles: Vehicle owners can research the current fair-market value for most vehicles. Resources are available online and at most libraries.

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WCTV news and notes

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

Wilmington Boys Basketball Fights until the end in the State Tournament!

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." Far easier said than done. A lot of well earned tears shed at the end of the Wilmington High boys basketball season, but that doesn't take away from the incredible accomplishment of the team under first year head coach Anthony Faradie, which went from four wins last season

to 12 this year and a trip to the state tournament. Thank you to the team. Thank you to the seniors and thank you to coach Faradie and his staff. What a ride.

Wilmington High Wrestling Senior Night 2025

Congratulations to the six seniors on the WHS wrestling team: Mohamed Said, Kenny Branley, Eric Zou, Uriel Hernandez, JR Saint-Hillien, and Nick Corsetti as well as the two managers, Abigail De Los Reyes and Mac Tobin. *These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTVWilmington

Meetings covered by WCTV:
Monday, March 24, 7 p.m. Select Board
View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22

Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m. School Committee
View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22

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The cosmos in quilts at the New England Quilt Museum

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

The New England Quilt Museum on Shattuck Street in Lowell is a gem. Located near the Lowell National Historic Park on cobblestone roads that require a little care as you walk, the museum is a place of calm and quiet beauty.

Established in 1987, the museum is both gallery and event space, offering rotating exhibits, a research library and a gift shop of handcrafted items. One of about 20 quilt museums in the United States, the museum's main focus is on quilts and quilt heritage.

The museum is two floors, with the main gallery on the upper level. There is accessibility via an elevator so ascending the stairs need not be an issue.

On the day we visited, the Fierce Planets exhibition was on display. A collaboration between Studio Art Quilt Associates and the Johns Hopkins Wavelengths public research communication and outreach program, artists from 11 countries created works inspired by Dr. Sabine Stanely's book, "What's Hidden Inside Planets," and the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, and NASA.

Quilt artists created spectacular works depicting different planetary features represented in fabrics and thread. The exhibition runs until May 3, 2025 and fea-



▲ Visitors to the NEQM are greeted by the stunning, Steampunk-inspired three dimensional work of fabric sculptor and textile artist Dominique Ehrmann of Quebec. You have to see it to believe it. (Paige Impink photo)

tures quilts showing the cosmos, planetary storms, the Grand Canyon of Mars, and more.

On the main floor, visitors are greeted by a life-size fabric sculpture by Quebec artist Dominique Ehrmann. In her piece, a two-dimensional quilt breaks free and becomes three dimensions. Following the action from left to right, the story takes the viewer step by step through the process and reveals "hidden" aspects of the textile, wood, metal, glass, and other materials as they come together to form a

Steampunk-inspired scene. It's remarkable.

The museum hosts a catalog of quilting resources including magazines, instructional books, and rare, out of print materials. The museum loans videos and materials by mail to anyone across the country.

One special service of the museum is a collaboration with the Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project. On the second Thursday of some months, the museum hosts experts who can provide interpretation and perhaps some

background on family quilts for a small fee.

Future exhibitions include Mary Kerr's "Make Do" quilts and Quilts Japan: The 17th Quilt Nihon.

After visiting the museum, we enjoyed lunch across the street at Life Alive. The self-described urban oasis is an organic eatery that has grown to several locations in Massachusetts and now Washington, DC.

Meals are nutritiously dense and range from soups to grain bowls, to wraps and salads. Smoothies and teas are also on the menu

Lifestyle



▲ Mieko Washio, Yao-shi, Osaka, Japan, Cosmos quilt, 2020 made of cotton, satin, and yarn, is on display at the New England Quilt Museum as part of the exhibition, Fierce Planets until May 3, 2025. (Paige Impink photo)

with combinations such as chai, vanilla, banana and cashew or turmeric, mango, watermelon, or how about a butternut, cinnamon, maple, coconut latte?

The boho atmosphere at the Lowell location fits right in with the charm and history of the area. The restaurant opened in 2004 and has been a go-to dining option for vegetarians, vegans and lovers of wholesome, unprocessed foods.

Parking for the Quilt Mu-

seum is free on the weekends in the lot behind the museum. Don't be put off by the Enterprise Bank signs. Another option during the week if you visit the Lowell National Historical Park before or after the New England Quilt Museum, is parking for free in the Hamilton Canal Innovation District garage at 350 Dutton St. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Neqm.org.

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Finance Committee met on March 3, 2025 to continue discussion on fiscal year 2026 town department budgets ahead of Town Meeting.

Town Manager John Curran and Town Clerk Denise Graffeo presented the town clerk and elections budgets. The town clerk budget is \$345,454, which reflects cost of living adjustments and steps for staff; other expenses are level funded. Graffeo emphasized the importance of returning the town census so her office can avoid sending voter deactivation notices, which incur costly postage fees.

The elections and town meeting budget is \$49,475, which covers the cost of poll workers for town elections and tellers for annual and special town meetings. There are two level-funded budgets for the parking clerk and board of registrars.

The committee reviewed the cable enterprise fund budget with Curran and telemedia director Brian Dorington. The FY2026 budget is \$431,351. Insurance and capital expenses are major cost drivers; as an enterprise fund, costs are covered by fees passed through by cable companies.

Finance Committee reviews DPW budget

Dorrington noted that the town anticipated cable revenue to decrease significantly this year; however, the recently settled Comcast contract will provide a higher fee rate than expected, and the upcoming Verizon contract is required to match the rate. The department is also trying to negotiate capital outlay funds as part of the contracts.

Two major capital projects for FY2026 include replacement of a playback server and A/V outfitting of the Ella Fleming School once the building is renovated, which will allow for public meetings to be recorded.

DPW Director Kevin Hardiman reviewed the public works budget, which includes administration, engineering, highway, forestry, fleet inventory and maintenance, snow and ice, solid waste disposal, stormwater, and the water and sewer enterprise funds.

The administration budget, at \$352,882 in the general fund, incorporates anticipated expenses for the opening of the new public works/school maintenance building. While the building will have greater energy efficiency, there is an increased number of systems in operation.

Hardiman noted that it will take a few years of operation to get an accurate picture of expenses; he anticipates the first phase of the project will be ready for move-in during the summer.

"I'm thrilled that you're finally getting the facilities you need and deserve," said member David Aznavoorian.

Other major changes in the administration budget includes moving half of the assistant DPW director's salary out of the general fund budget to be split between the water and sewer enterprise funds in recognition of support provided, which will reduce the amount coming out of the tax levy.

The engineering budget is \$199,600 in the general fund. Hardiman said that the department is moving geographic information services (GIS) in-house, saving on professional services costs.

Hardiman and Curran have been discussing bringing on more engineering and design staff to manage significant upcoming capital investments, though new staff would add ongoing operating costs.

The highway budget is \$1,543,828, a decrease from FY2025 as some paving work as been moved to the

water and sewer enterprise funds.

The forestry budget, at \$151,650, is increasing to support a hazardous tree assessment during which a professional arborist will assess the town's trees. Hardiman noted that having a certified professional conduct the assessment is critical to manage the town's liability.

The fleet maintenance budget is \$777,614, and the snow & ice budget is level-funded at \$256,000.

The sewer enterprise fund is recommended at \$3,030,952, increasing over FY2025 primarily due to staffing changes.

The stormwater enterprise fund is recommended at \$754,800. The fund is supported through an annual fee on water/sewer bills. Expenses include federal Municipal Separ-

ate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit compliance, street sweeping, and catch basin cleaning. Hardiman explained that the MS4 permit bears significant costs, including mapping the town's stormwater system, wet weather testing at outfalls, and sending public notices and education to the community.

The water filtration enterprise budget is recommended at \$2,996,696, which funds 13 full-time staff at the water treatment plant and includes treatment chemical costs.

The water distribution enterprise budget is \$1,059,514; the department includes utility billing and repairs and maintenance of water infrastructure. Hardiman said the department is focusing on investing in water detection to get ahead of water main

breaks, noting that identifying leaks not only prevents breaks but also saves on water costs from leaks.

"Repairing a leak is less of a cost than repairing a break" he said.

Curran also reviewed \$3 million in proposed general fund capital expenditures, covering vehicle and equipment purchases, a new ambulance, and sidewalk and pavement improvements, as well as \$11.9 million in water and sewer enterprise projects, much of which is proposed to be debt funded.

Members praised Curran's financing plan and work on the capital budget. Curran in turn gave credit to former Town Manager Richard Montuori for starting the FY2026 process.

Presentations are available to view online at www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV.

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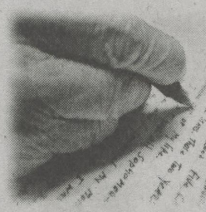


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Letter to the editor

~notice concerning local spring elections~

The *Town Crier* won't accept any letters related to the upcoming Wilmington and Tewksbury elections the week of the elections. All letters should be in by Tuesday, March 25 at 5 p.m. for the Tewksbury election and Tuesday, April 15 at 5 p.m. for the Wilmington election.

Thank you.

34 citizen groups from 34 municipalities file motions to create a class action lawsuit against MBTA law

To the editor,

On Oct. 5, 2022, a group of concerned citizens did not believe the state had the right to impose the MBTA "Mandate" Law (3A) on Rockport and filed a lawsuit opposing it. The lawsuit (Docket No. 2277CV00947) argued that it was unconstitutional since it was in conflict with Home Rule (1965, the State Home Rule Amendment, Article 89) and the Unconstitutional Conditions Doctrine along with other questionable procedural changes.

Without soliciting support from others, citizen groups from other towns eventually heard about the lawsuit and concurred with the objections in the Rockport lawsuit. As a result, nine (9) separate citizen groups from nine (9) different towns joined the Rockport suit with their individual motions to intervene on 5/24/2024.

The nine (9) groups are from Rowley, Malden, Wayland, Marblehead, Danvers, Gloucester, Millbury, Wakefield, and Winthrop. This was the first wave of municipalities motioning to intervene supporting the 2022 Rockport lawsuit as a class action lawsuit.

On 8/2/2024, the second wave joining in the class action lawsuit were submitted. There were nine (9) in this second wave and they were from Needham, Sudbury, Marshfield, Acton, Newton, Duxbury, Maynard, Plymouth, and Hanson.

On 12/3/2024, the third wave joining in the class action lawsuit were submitted. There were seven (7) in this third wave and they were from Marlborough, Wenham, Dracut, Westford, Wayland, Hali-fax, and Hamilton.

On 3/11/2025, the fourth wave was submitted. There were nine (9) in this fourth wave and they were Manchester, Chelmsford, Belmont, North Reading, Lexington, Reading, Carlisle, Wilmington, and Franklin.

In total, we will have 34 municipality citizen groups joining in the class action

lawsuit supporting the rockport's suit against the state's MBTA "Mandate" (3) Law. If this growing movement were made more public from the very beginning, there would probably be quite a few additional groups joining in by now.

As this conflict becoming more obvious, many more towns and their citizens are opposing this over-reach and seizure of municipalities zoning rights by the governor, attorney general and the state. The opposition to the state is growing despite the states' threats of withholding grants listed in the law and other grants not specified in the law.

The opposition to the state is still growing despite the state offering unsolicited grants as bribes for compliance. This is a risky tactic by the state since they are financially broke and I would suspect that some towns are now seriously looking at the yearly increased costs resulting from accepting this law versus the potential one-time limited grants being offered.

Serious economic studies should be considered before any municipality votes on this mandate. In fact, several towns have requested audits from the state auditor to determine if this mandate is an unfunded mandate.

On Feb. 21, the state auditor notified those inquiring towns that 3A is indeed an unfunded mandate. This latest ruling causes even more economic and legal problems for the state. Please look into this possibly permanent town altering mandate and decide if it is right or wrong for your town. The future well-being of your town is really up to you and your fellow citizens.

Please don't leave that decision to those who might not be taking the best interest of your town to heart.

George Ferdinand
Tewksbury BOH member

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Healey-Driscoll Administration launches resources for federal workers laid off by Trump Administration

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration today launched a new website — mass.gov/fedup — that provides employment and job training resources for federal workers, including individuals who have been laid off by President Donald Trump and Elon Musk. The website features job search tools for careers in state and local government, the state's MassTalent platform to promote careers in high-growth industries, and services and job training resources available at MassHire career centers statewide.

"Donald Trump and Elon Musk have been recklessly firing essential public servants who care for our veterans, support our fishing industry, protect consumers, maintain our parks and more. The good news is that Massachusetts is home to world class talent and employers who are eager to hire, and we know members of our federal workforce have the skills to make a difference here," said Governor Maura Healey. "To all of our federal workers — if you're fed up with the damaging tactics of Trump and Musk, we want you to consider continuing your career here in Massachusetts, whether that's in state or local government or in one of our many thriving industries."

"This website will help serve as a crucial front door for impacted federal employees who are looking to navigate employment opportunities across the state," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "By bringing together resources from across the public and private sectors, we are making it easier for skilled workers to get the information they need to connect with employers and join Team Massachusetts."

The website acts as a single entry point for federal employees to navigate resources, including connecting with state and local government job opportunities through the state's Mass Careers portal, the Massachusetts Municipal Association's job board, or the state's MassTalent platform that connect employers and jobseekers for career opportunities in advanced manufacturing, clean energy, health and human services, life sciences, and technology plus services and job training resources available through MassHire career centers in regions across the state.

"Massachusetts wants to keep amazing talent here and is ready to bridge connections for federal workers for new opportunities and we want those opportunities to be in our Commonwealth," said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Lauren Jones. "Launching this website is one way we are demonstrating Massachusetts values the skilled talent here and we stand ready to hopefully make it easier to navigate resources building connections for our talent."

The website also includes veteran-specific employment resources to support those who have served and are now facing uncertainty due to federal workforce cuts. Veterans make up nearly 30 percent of the entire federal workforce, and the recent VA layoffs disproportionately impact these workers, jeopardizing veteran care and services nationwide.

"Veterans are essential to the federal workforce, and these layoffs threaten both their livelihoods and the critical services they provide," said Veterans Services Secretary Jon Santiago. "Massachusetts is stepping up to ensure they have opportunities to continue their mission. We encourage every affected worker to explore opportuni-

ties in Massachusetts, where their dedication and expertise are valued." Massachusetts has more than 46,000 residents who work for the federal government in various sectors, including public administration, education, transportation and warehousing, and for the postal service. The resources highlighted on the new website include more than 160,000 job postings in the private and public sector.

"The Trump/Musk Administration has taken a wrecking ball to our federal government — weaponizing massive cuts and mass unemployment that is creating real pain for thousands of working-class people in Massachusetts," said Chrissy Lynch, President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. "We appreciate the Healey Administration has created resources to help federal workers navigate how to keep themselves and their families afloat during unemployment, and to help match them with new job opportunities that allow them to utilize the skills and passion that led them to public service."

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Upcoming local events

March 11 - April 15, Tewksbury Public Library. 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. NAMI Basics (National Alliance on Mental Illness Massachusetts) Free course for parents and family caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional or behavioral issues. Meets weekly on Tuesdays. Contact teachers: Dee at deefebba@comcast.net or Brian at brian.sarr19@gmail.com

March 21, Tewksbury's Own Silvertones Dance Band, Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St. Tewksbury, 7-10 p.m. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. With Vocalist BB Braxten. \$10 at the door includes: cake, coffee, & tea and bring your own munchies

March 22, Book Donation Drive 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library. Books will be checked for saleable conditions to be sold on the Friends' Honor Cart. All proceeds are used for library programming

March 23, Summer Camp

and Kids Activity Fair, Free. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Westford Regency, 219 Littleton Road. Learn about summer camps and programs for families in the Merrimack Valley. Lowellmacaronikid.com for more info.

March 24, Eat-In/Take Out for the Friends of the Library at Vic's Waffle House, 283 Old Main St. in Tewksbury. Come eat breakfast for dinner from 4-7 p.m.! Vic's will be open exclusively for the Friends fund raiser. There will be a 50/50 raffle with proceeds funding the programming at the library.

March 29, Tewksbury/Wilmington/Billerica Rabies Clinic, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury. Free microchips. Cats must be in carriers, dogs on leash. Wilmington licenses available. Shots \$30. Cash or check only. Open to all towns. Call 978-215-9639 for more information. First come, first served.

March 29, Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. the Town Common. Tewksbury VPF Post 8164.

April 18, Wine Tasting to Benefit Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library, One Stop Liquors, Oakdale Plaza, 5-7 p.m.. \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Get tickets at: <https://www.friendstplibrary.org/about-5>

April 21 - 25, April Vacation Camp at Tewksbury Rec, 2 day minimum, camp runs 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 978-454-7825 to register. www.greaterlowellymca.org.

April 27, Power of Flowers Project Murder Mystery Event at 1 p.m. at the Stevens Estate in North Andover.

September 13, Wilmington High School Class of 1975 50th reunion, live band, dancing, buffet dinner, cash bar. Pay by April 1 — \$85, April 2 - July 1 — \$90, July 2 through last minute walk-ins — \$95. Register and pay at: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/high-school-class-reunion-temp-65333/items?cart=Questions?> Steve Brander sbrander@gmail.com

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Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. Publichealthmuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Rt. 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

Book Stew Review

'The Mighty Red' by Louise Erdrich

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

I was ready to chuck this one after the second audio disc, puzzled as to why an author who had always enchanted me was wasting her skills and my time on some really annoying high school seniors.

Whew! I stuck with it and was absorbed by this story of the hardships of rural life and of what one must do (rob banks, marry at 18, run off to the oil fields for a well-paying and dangerous job, where you rent a refrigerator box to live in for \$200 a month while raccoons sneak in at night and nibble your toes, ride snowmobiles drunk and ruin lives, work at unloading trucks full of sugar beets, use deadly chemicals to ruin your source of income, join your frenemies at a book club, and more) to not just give up and move to the city. Life in Erdrich's Tabor,

North Dakota, is inconceivably difficult, would be intolerable to anyone who moved there from elsewhere, and would be stultifying in any other author's hands. But Erdrich forces us to care about Kismet, pursued by two classmates until Gary catches her; Hugo, the defeated rival; Crystal, Kismet's mother, abandoned by her husband, who has absconded with the church building fund; Gary, Diz, and Winnie, a family whose misfortunes hamstring Kismet's heart; and Gary's teammates, who follow his drunken lead into a horrible disaster.

By the end, or even by the middle, the reader is consumed by pity and by admiration of the characters and their ability to survive and to overcome their mistakes. What would a Midwestern farm family make of this story? I'd love to know.

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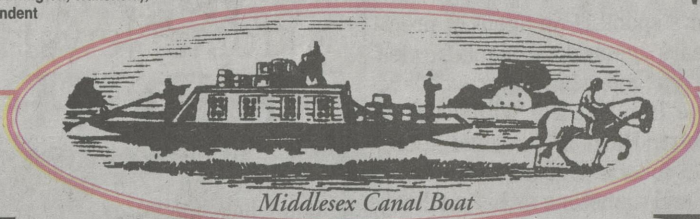
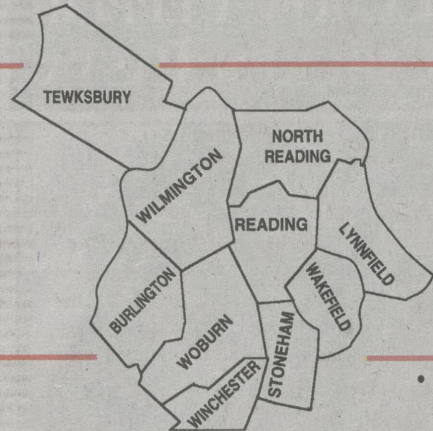
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Stoneham's historic Arnold House

Nursing home to be repurposed into recovery center

By PATRICK BLAIS

MIDDLESEX - Planning to convert the mansion into a sober living and recovery center, a town native and his siblings recently swooped in to spare the community's historic Arnold House nursing center from a dreaded and predicted meeting with the wrecking ball.

During a public hearing in Town Hall before Stoneham's Select Board late last month, Stoneham resident Timothy MacDonald and two of his brothers unveiled plans to convert the Victorian-era estate at 490 William Street into a 40-bed sober house for men.

Though the proposal was not without controversy, as some area abutters' voiced concerns about people loitering around the neighborhood and what would happen in circumstances where a resident relapsed, many town officials' heralded the news that the landmark property would remain intact while providing a much needed service for those trying to recover from active alcohol

and drug addition.

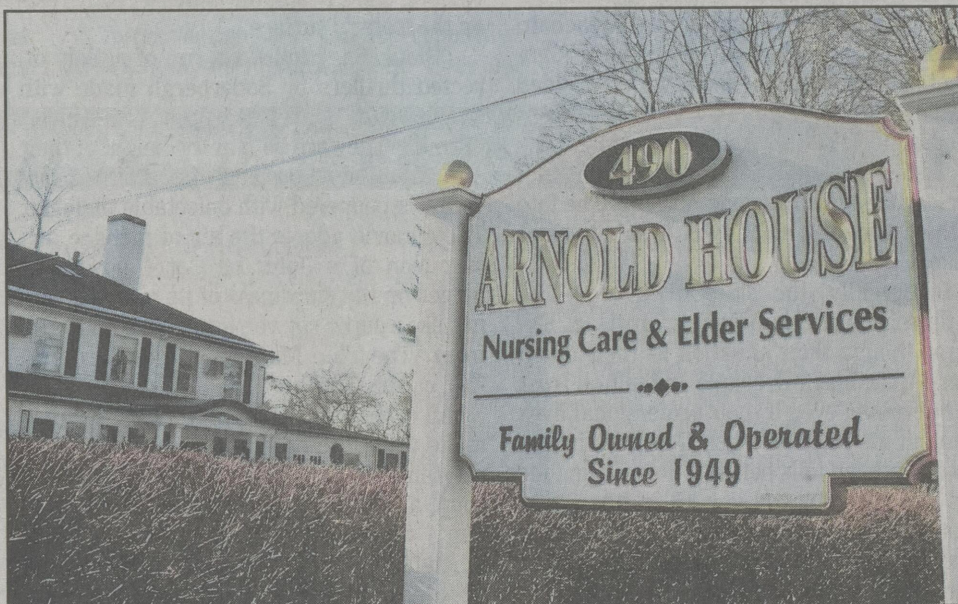
"As somebody who was very vocal about the Arnold House [being purchased by the town] and wanting to preserve that historic property, I'm thrilled we have someone interested in maintaining the history and life of that building," said Bilbo.

"I'm happy to see another group in town looking out for people [and moving into that building]. It's a beautiful place to do that," later commented Select Board member Timothy Waitkevitch.

Overlooking Stoneham's 3-par Unicorn Golf Course, the 22-room house in question sits on an approximate 1-acre parcel of land that is situated in a single-family neighborhood by an I-93 overpass and the Woburn line.

Dating back to 1884, the house was originally erected as a clubhouse for the golf course before it was acquired back in 1949 by Wakefield resident and longtime nurse Marjorie Cook.

The visionary health care worker, who had become disillusioned by her work in



RECOVERY CENTER PLANS - Stoneham's historic Arnold House property off of William Street will soon reopen as a new sober house for men. The historic 22-room estate, which dates back to 1884 and contains 8,762 square feet of space, had long been the home to a family-run nursing facility. (File photo)

several industrialized nursing home settings, would then convert the Victorian era mansion into a client-centered rest home. That wildly successful business model would survive some 74 years, with Cook's daughter and granddaughter carrying on that mission through the late spring of 2023, when the family-run business was forced to shutter due to financial and staffing stressors.

Hoping to preserve the historic building, Stoneham's Select Board in the summer of 2023 announced that they had reached terms with the Arnold House proprietors to purchase the property for \$2.9 million. Warning that the beautiful estate was otherwise likely to be demolished by a private developer looking to capitalize on the booming market for multi-family apartments.

However, citizens gathered at a Special Town Meeting would reject the real-estate purchase in convincing fashion just before the start of 2024.

According to Main Street attorney Charles Houghton, representing new Arnold House owner Unicorn Realty Trust - which is managed by MacDonald - has client purchased the William Street property last November for \$1.6 million and has no plans to renovate the exterior of the building.

MacDonald, a recovering alcoholic who told town officials he has long wanted to give back to his hometown, promised to do everything he can to maintain the historic building and the property's sprawling backyard gardens. According to the new landlord, the new sober house, which will open next month and start off with 10 residents, will operate as a non-profit venture and be overseen by a board of trustees.

Though permitted to include up to 40-beds, the local resident predicted that the new recovery center would likely set a self-imposed limit of providing transitional housing for 29 clients. According to MacDonald, he will name the new facility after his younger brother who passed way decades ago from a heroin overdose.

"I've been blessed in life. I've been sober for a long-period of time in my life, and I always wanted an opportunity to give back," MacDonald explained during last month's site plan hearing before the Select Board.

"There's going to be a real-regimented process in terms of admissions here," he later said in response to neighbors questions about how the sober house would function. "We're not going to be taking anyone

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Steven Soderbergh's sleek spy thriller 'Black Bag' crackles



SPY VS. SPY - Cate Blanchett, left, and Michael Fassbender in a scene from "Black Bag" released by Focus Features.

(Claudette Barius/Focus Features via AP)

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

If you're hosting a dinner for half a dozen British intelligence agents with the aim of ferreting out a mole, what should you cook?

For George Woodhouse (Michael Fassbender), who's preparing for four colleagues, plus himself and his wife, Kathryn St. Jean (Cate Blanchett), who, like him, is a high-level operative, it's chana masala

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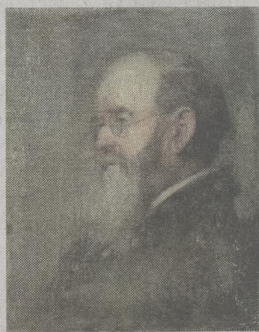
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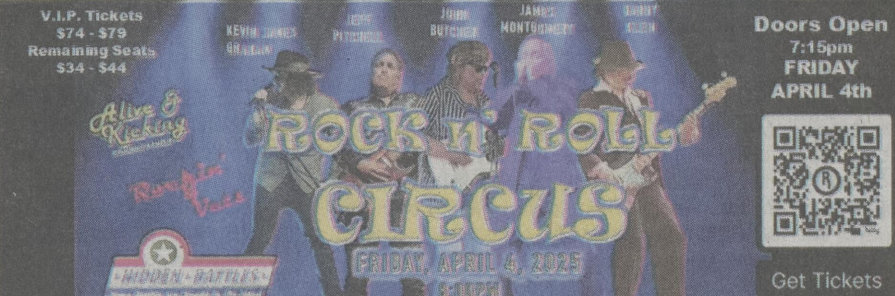


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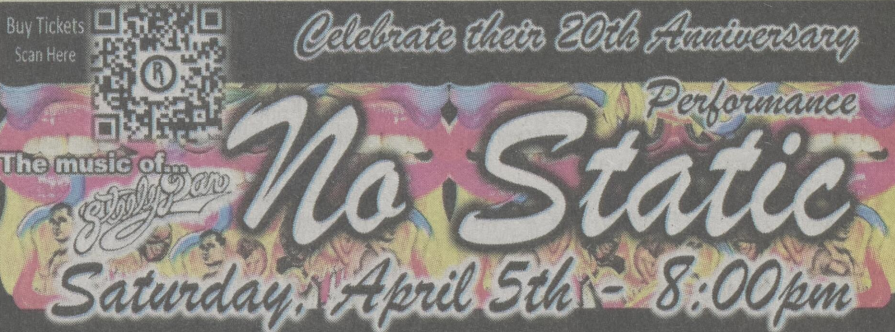
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• Review FROM B-1

with a few drops of truth serum.

"Will there be any mess to clean up?" Kathryn asks her husband as they're getting ready.

"With any luck," he responds.

So goes much of the crackling patter of "Black Bag," Steven Soderbergh's delicious marital drama cloaked as a sleek spy thriller. Lean and taut, the 93-minute "Black Bag" is more a sizzling amuse-bouche than full-course meal, but it's simmered to perfection.

George and Kathryn, as fellow agents at London's National Cyber Security Centre, don't seemingly have what you might call a traditional marriage. Each has their own secret ops, leaving large swaths of their lives off limits to the other. When George asks where Kathryn is flying off to on Wednesday, she shrugs with a smile, "Black bag."

In the movie's opening scene - a slinky tracking shot that trails George into and out of a nightclub - an agent named Meacham (Gustaf Skarsgard) gives him the assignment to track down the mole, with the added wrinkle that Kathryn can't be dismissed as a possible suspect. A cyber-worm device called Severus that's capable of hacking into nuclear facilities has gone missing. The fate of the world, as it so often is, is said to be at stake.

But, really, the state of George and Kathryn's marriage is what interests us. Extreme though their situation is, their union is one that, like any couple, is built on trust and devotion, even if their professional lives demand the inverse. When George, lying on top of Kathryn tells her he'd do anything for her, she coos, "Would you kill?" It's a fair-enough test to the bounds of wedded bliss, sure, but her second question matters even more. "Would you lie?"

Over that dinner - a scintillating set piece around a darkened dinner table inside their London town house - we can quickly gather just how much the truth means to George. He's renown for his powers with a polygraph. As a youngster, he even brought down his own father, uncovering his affair. "I don't like liars," George says through clenched teeth.

They're joined by Colonel James Stokes (Regé-Jean Page); the in-house psychologist Dr. Zoe Vaughan (Naomie Harris); the carousing spy Freddie Smalls (Tom Burke); and the newest NCSC recruit, cyber specialist Clarissa (Marisa Abela). Both are paired off in clandestine relationships that quickly

emerge, among other secrets. More than state secrets, infidelity dominates the conversation.

Fassbender's spook is an agent of precision. He wears gleaming black-framed glasses. When only a few drops of sauce land on his cuff, he immediately withdraws to change his shirt. Hard as it would seem, Fassbender has found a character almost as dispassionate and monotone as his methodical assassin in David Fincher's "The Killer."

This time, though, he's not a loner. Blanchett's Kathryn is kept more at a remove from us. She's mysterious and aloof - a femme fatale, maybe, we're led to wonder. An "aroma of hostility" accompanies her, Zoe tells her in a psych evaluation. Is she the mole?

This is an insular film, taking place mainly in crisply composed interiors, aside from the lake George occasionally fishes for bass in. There, in a fitting encapsulation of a movie full of smooth surfaces with currents twisting underneath, the camera gently rests on the water's surface.

"Black Bag" follows a run of agilely directed thrillers by Soderbergh made with screenwriter David Koepp ("Presence," "Kimi"). They are both at the height of their almost-too-easy powers; the script, especially, is peppered with delectable dialogue. Their movie adopts the air of menace and suspicion of a John Le Carré novel, yet hinges on the sturdiness of its married couple, like a super spy version of Nick and Nora from "The Thin Man" or a more cerebral "Mr. & Mrs. Smith."

All of the supporting players - while they make up a fine ensemble - are ultimately playthings in their game of love. In a casting coup, a former James Bond - Pierce Brosnan - drops in late in the film as Arthur Steiglitz, the head of NCSC. In his handful of scenes, Brosnan is rageful and ferocious, chomping into both Ikizukuri (prepared live fish) and the scenery.

His presence both enlivens a movie already humming with the uber-cool chemistry of Blanchett and Fassbender while transforming "Black Bag" into a twisty rejoinder to that notoriously skirt-chasing spy. Here, Mr. Bond, is how sexy monogamy can be.

While directing a satellite to peer down upon his wife on some unknown mission in Europe, George explains their mystifying dynamic to Clarissa: "I watch her, and she watches me. If she gets into trouble, I will do everything in my power to extricate her."

In her response, Clarissa speaks for everyone: "That's so hot."

"Black Bag," a Focus Features release is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for language including some sexual references, and some violence. Running time: 93 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE



ONE-POT LEMON-PEPPER CHICKEN PASTA

FLAVOR BLAST - What's better than lemon-pepper chicken pasta? A recipe for One-Pot Lemon-Pepper Chicken Pasta of course! Full of spaghetti, fresh baby spinach and lemon-pepper seasoned chicken, this recipe has bright flavors that are welcome any time of the year. Make it with Progresso™ Chicken Broth and garnish with Parmesan cheese for a full and hearty dinner with little cleanup.

STEPS

1. In 5- to 6-quart Dutch oven, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Season chicken with lemon pepper, salt and black pepper. Cook chicken in oil 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until chicken is no longer pink. Remove chicken to plate; cover and keep warm.

2. Add garlic to Dutch oven; cook 30 to 60 seconds, stirring constantly, until fragrant and lightly browned. Add chicken broth and spaghetti; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to medium; simmer uncovered 13 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until most of liquid is absorbed and pasta is al dente.

3. Stir in 1/4 cup of the Parmesan, the butter, lemon juice, lemon peel and cooked chicken. Remove from heat. Gradually add spinach; stir just until starting to wilt. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serve warm with remaining 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese.

EXPERT TIPS

• Due to the bulkiness of the spinach, it's helpful to add it to pasta in small batches.

• If you prefer more peppery flavor, increase black pepper from 1/4 teaspoon to 1/2 teaspoon.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces (16 oz)
- 1 teaspoon lemon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
- 1 carton (32 oz) chicken broth
- 8 oz spaghetti pasta, broken in half (from 16-oz box)
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel from 1 large lemon
- 2 bags (5 oz each) baby spinach

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The work involves the field assembly and testing of two Georgia Transformer Corporation (GTC) 115 kV Delta - 13.8 kV GrdY, 45/60/75 MVA power transformers and related work as set forth in the specifications at RMLD's new substation located at 328 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts. For equipment warranty purposes, the Vendor, Virginia Transformer Corp. ("VTC") will be onsite to observe the work to verify that the work is performed in conformance with VTC's installation specifications and requirements included in the Specifications and to serve as a point of contact. RMLD will be responsible for supplying the transformers and accessories, site preparation and foundations, the relocation of utilities, and crane and rigging services to place the transformers on their foundations.

The work is subject to prevailing wage laws. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 149, §§ 26 -27D inclusive.

Bids shall be submitted in duplicate in a sealed envelope marked, "WILMINGTON SUBSTATION TRANSFORMER ASSEMBLY, IFB 2025-01." All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of cash, a bid bond, or a certified check on, or a treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company payable to the "Reading Municipal Light Department" in the amount of five (5) percent of the lump sum bid price. The bid deposit must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope, marked "Bid Deposit."

RMLD will receive sealed bids until **11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 2, 2025** at the RMLD Purchasing Department, 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA 01857, ATTN: Maureen Sullivan, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline or without the required bid deposit will not be accepted. No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of ninety (90) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the date of opening bids.

Bid documents, which include the specifications, may be obtained by emailing Maureen Sullivan, Assistant Materials Manager, at msullivan@rml.com. Bid documents will be sent by email. Due to the size, the VTC Installation, Operation and Maintenance Manuals will be provided by FTP. For questions or further information, please contact Maureen Sullivan at 781-942-6441 or by email.

All requests for clarification or modification of the bid documents **must** be submitted via email to msullivan@rml.com no later than 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Taking exceptions or providing additional terms and conditions with the bid submittal will render the bid ineligible for consideration.

RMLD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive minor irregularities and informalities, and to take such action as it deems to be in the public interest.

No award shall be final until RMLD executes an agreement signed by a duly authorized representative.

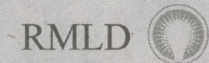


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We do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or dictionaries.

Reading Municipal Light Department
RELIABLE POWER

LEGAL NOTICE

IFP 2025-09

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 56D, the Reading Municipal Light Department (or "RMLD") seeks proposals for the purchase of the following:

Pole Mounted Transformers

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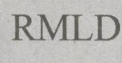
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Proposals shall remain valid and binding for sixty (60) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, following the submission deadline. No agreement shall be valid or binding unless duly executed by RMLD or RMLD issues a purchase order signed by an authorized representative of the RMLD.

RMLD will make reasonable efforts to review and process proposals promptly. However, RMLD shall not be liable for any delays in acting on a proposal.

Reading Municipal Light Department
RELIABLE POWER

LEGAL NOTICE

IFP 2025-10

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Pad Mounted Transformers

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Also appearing: Winter Potpourri Winner, Tom Hanlon • Saturday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Linden Tree Concerts presents an encore performance from Tim Grimm, one of America's best singer-songwriters

The Linden Tree Concert series is pleased to announce the return of Indiana Actor and Singer Songwriter Tim Grimm. Tim is a bit of a Renaissance man in the performing arts world, forging a rich and varied career that blends his love of song-writing, travel, and acting in theatre, film and television.

Mike Davies, Folk Radio UK says Tim is "one of America's finest songwriters." For most of his 25-year career as a storytelling balladeer in the tradition of John Prine, Woody Guthrie, and Bob Dylan, Tim has written primarily about community, history, family, and social issues - often framed by his strong sense of place and the many years he spent on the family farm he built in rural Indiana. His songs are filled with rural characters and landscapes, writ-



TIM GRIMM

ten and sung with vivid warmth and intimacy.

On April 4th, Tim's brand new album Bones of Trees will be released on radio.

Each new recording by Tim Grimm represents a poetic, intense, exciting, passionate immersion in the heart of America...an excellent storyteller, one of the most incisive of the last few decades.

Remo Ricaldone- Lonestartime, Italy

This year's Winter Potpourri winner Tom Hanlon will open the evening.

Tom, an award-winning singer-songwriter, grew up in the 60's, when folk music was in all its glory. Tom branched into rock and roll in high school and joined "The Long Island Sounds" out of New Haven CT, opening for such acts as the Beach Boys, Gary Lewis and the Playboys, and the Zombies. He studied Classical guitar at NE Conservatory, taught there for several years, and, more recently, began writing songs. He collaborates now with Leslie Bryant, of Ergo Canto. The title track from their CD, "This Train," was a finalist in the American Songwriter Awards.

Tom's songs are on Reverbnation, where he is often Number 1 in "Folk" for

the Boston Region.

His "Nail Care and Repair for Guitarists" video on YouTube has over 90K hits.

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse is located in the social hall of the Wakefield Lynnfield United Methodist Church, 273 Vernon Street in Wakefield. There is a parking lot behind the church and it is handicapped accessible.

The show begins at 7:30 pm, doors open at 7:00.

Homemade baked goods and beverages are available.

Tickets are \$25 (those under 18 - \$10)

Pay cash or check at the door.

Reservations: for preferential seating.

Tel: 978-326-7905;

www.LindenTreeCoffeehouse.org

• Real Estate Transfers •

BURLINGTON

32 Donald Rd was sold to Coroniti, Christopher and Coroniti, Ann-Marie by Oliver, Diane and Collier, Carol for \$900,000 on 02/28/25

12 Sarah St was sold to Pinto, Flavio A and Pinto, Flavia by Goel, Rakesh for \$2,810,000 on 02/26/25

LYNNFIELD

51 Prospect Ave was sold to Owen, Derek D by Slattery Jr, James E for \$500,000 on 02/24/25

NORTH READING

111 Chestnut St was sold to Holland, Jeannie E and Mudogo, Arnold S by Callagy, Brenda L for \$845,000 on 02/28/25

7 Greenbriar Dr #304 was sold to Pandey, Praveen by Linda Mirasolo Ft and Mirasolo, Linda N for \$385,000 on 02/26/25

112 Haverhill St was sold to P&R Re Holdings LLC by 112 Haverhill St Rlty LL for \$1,550,000 on 02/28/25

317 Haverhill St was sold to Isabella, Vincent M by 317 Haverhill Rt and Demetri, Michael for \$1,200,000 on 02/26/25

270 Main St #5 was sold to Emero, Mark by Emero, Melissa for \$140,000 on 02/28/25

200 Martins Lndg #105 was sold to Chung, Youngsoo and Chung, Eun H by E M & Mary C Resendes Ir and Resendes, Amanda R for \$419,000 on 02/28/25

240 Martins Lndg #204 was sold to Mirasolo, Linda N by White, Claire M for \$480,000 on 02/26/25

300 Martins Lndg #507 was sold to Buckley, Linda by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$883,420 on 02/25/25

300 Martins Lndg #506 was sold to McGuire, Beth by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$884,930 on 02/25/25

107 North St was sold to Hayes, Olivia A and Tully, Carson M by Gravallese, John W and Gravallese, Deborah L for \$660,000 on 02/28/25

READING

105 Belmont St was sold to Chenkin, Laurence and Chenkin, Sandra by William H Polleys Lt and Polleys, William H for \$1,350,000 on 02/28/25

24 Benton Cir was sold to 24 Benton Circle LLC by Patrick J Crann Irt and Crann, Patrick P for \$901,000 on 02/28/25

6 Clover Cir was sold to Deng, Sunbin and Xu, Yiming by Luongo, Joanne for \$880,000 on 02/28/25

30 Duck Rd was sold to Kandybowicz, Thomas and Kandybowicz, Samantha by Sweeney, Michael G and Sweeney, Maura D for \$1,550,000 on 02/25/25

40 Estate Ln was sold to Bhavsar, Mayank and Kotecha, Shweta by Knap, Anna K and Frechette, Roger F for \$1,500,000 on 02/28/25

269 Main St #1002 was sold to Brown 3rd, Calvin A by Guo, Hengye and Zhang, Chiyu for \$812,000 on 02/28/25

692 Pearl St was sold to Keogh, Richard B and Keogh, Kerrienne by Lavers, Brian for \$921,000 on 02/24/25

52 Sanborn St #406 was sold to Peled, Sharon S and Hallaj, Ibrahim M by Joyce R Fahy-Laundre Lt and Fahy-Laundre, Joyce R for \$540,000 on 02/28/25

38 Selfridge Rd was sold to Antunes, Diane and Murray, Gregory by Corey, Leonard E and Corey, Constance J for \$776,250 on 02/28/25

86 Spruce Rd was sold to Bottari, Andrew R and Bottari, Lindsay J by Chung, Youngsoo and Chung, Eun H for

\$850,000 on 02/28/25

32 Tamarack Rd was sold to Sohigian, Robert and Sohigian, Emily by Leclair, Scott C and Leclair, Laura L for \$1,387,000 on 02/25/25

81 Walnut St was sold to McLaughlin, Michael C and Dunham, Jessica A by 81 Walnut Street Cbc LLC for \$1,420,000 on 02/28/25

STONEHAM

198 Hancock St was sold to Burton, Meghan and Burton 3rd, Arthur by Best Realty LLC for \$642,000 on 02/25/25

271 Main St #L1 was sold to Ps3 Capital LLC by Robert N Lusardi Ft and Boivin, Robin L for \$230,000 on 02/28/25

44 Winship Dr was sold to Hurley, James P and Hurley, Ellen M by Charles E Pichette T and Pichette, Charles E for \$1,400,000 on 02/28/25

TEWKSBURY

1120 Andover St was sold to Zarrella, Michelle by Viana, Jose T and Viana, Lori A for \$680,000 on 02/24/25

159 Apache Way #159 was sold to Gates, James D and Kelley, Erin A by Gates, Beth for \$478,125 on 02/26/25

248 Apache Way #248 was sold to Paul Francis Dev Grp LLC by Landers Mary P Est and Landers, Jeanne for \$300,000 on 02/28/25

2131 Main St #430 was sold to Lee, Angela C by 2131 Main Street LLC for \$725,000 on 02/28/25

155 Trull Rd was sold to Kazanjian, Lauren E and Kazanjian, Alan W by Smith, Karen J for \$905,000 on 02/28/25

WAKEFIELD

4 Charles St #B was sold to Feliciano, Jessyca D and White, Ashley A by Degraff, Jeffrey and Shott, Chelsea for \$1,000,000 on 02/27/25

13 Emerald St was sold to Amentola, John and Amentola, Karen A by Elmokri, Driss for \$900,000 on 02/26/25

1252 Main St was sold to Desta, Samuel S by Ambrefe, Dorothy A for \$710,100 on 02/28/25

127 Oak St was sold to Ginsberg, Travis and Ginsberg, Theodora B by Mercurio, Michael and Mercurio, Michelle for \$949,900 on 02/26/25

4-6 Rockland St #4 was sold to Palaskar, Nikhil and Kulkarni, Mansi A by Dse Construction Inc for \$760,000 on 02/25/25

13 Stark Ave was sold to Jlp Const Services Inc by Browne Jr, Edmund J for \$410,000 on 02/28/25

12 Summer St was sold to Zarembo, Jean M by Zarembo, John J for \$446,000 on 02/24/25

WILMINGTON

203 Aldrich Rd was sold to Nakasaki, Denis M and Nakasaki, Meghan R by Faulkingham, Michael for \$1,130,000 on 02/27/25

21 Benson Rd was sold to Wilcox, Kelley A and Mullins, Patrick M by Wilcox, Robert G and Wilcox, Regina M for \$660,000 on 02/27/25

43 Brand Ave was sold to Hossain, Imtiaz N and Hadi, Javairia K by Peterwood Properties LLC for \$925,000 on 02/28/25

21 Jones Ave was sold to Bennett, Lindsay and Bennett, Toni by Brackett, Madison and Hill, Kelsea for \$675,000 on 02/27/25

203 Lowell St #319 was sold to Papandrea, Maryann by 203

Lowell St Owner LLC for \$554,000 on 02/27/25

433 Main St was sold to 433 Main LLC by Partel Management LLC for \$725,000 on 02/28/25

31 Morningside Dr was sold to Curley, Shaun by Fisher, Joanne M for \$675,000 on 02/26/25

2402 Pouliot Pl was sold to Mcintock Re Holdings LLC by Orlanzo, Gayle L for \$355,000 on 02/26/25

37 Roosevelt Rd was sold to Aliperta, Angelo and Nazaro, Jacqueline A by Celona, Dianna M and Garrity, Tina for \$690,000 on 02/25/25

WINCHESTER

111 Arlington St was sold to Benjamin P Kleinstiver T and Kleinstiver, Benjamin P by 111 Arlington Street LLC for \$2,875,000 on 02/25/25

Winchester 666 Main St #L2 was sold to Patalano, Matthew D and Patalano, Samantha by Deflumere Family -666 for \$630,000 on 02/25/25

Winchester 36 Nelson St was sold to Nelson St Winchester LLC by Anne L Feeney Irt and Feeney, Brian P for \$850,000 on 02/28/25

Winchester 8 Pepper Hill Dr was sold to Cacciola, David and Dodd, Jenna by M B Rt and Valeri, Carl A for \$1,894,100 on 02/28/25

Winchester 7 Wainwright Rd #22 was sold to Trinity 3 LLC by Michael Dilorenzo RET and Dilorenzo, Debra for \$1,200,000 on 02/28/25

Winchester 16 Wickham Rd was sold to Mark Gutttag T and Gutttag, John by Chard, Nahid and Chard, Paul M for \$2,825,000 on 02/25/25

WOBURN

269 Cambridge Rd #504 was sold to Wang, Yuniao and Wang, Yuying by Martignetti, Joseph A and Martignetti, Alana N for \$560,000 on 02/27/25

14 Church St #1 was sold to Abate, Thomas by Mtsm Rt and Jones, Martha E for \$290,000 on 02/27/25

14 Church St #2B was sold to Abate, Thomas by Mtsm Rt and Jones, Martha E for \$225,000 on 02/27/25

65 High St #2 was sold to Delaney-Winn, Tucker and Laurie, Blair A by Martinez, Alexander R for \$770,000 on 02/27/25

8 Jean Rd was sold to Tobin, Kevin by Wright William F Est and Wright, Kerri A for \$370,000 on 02/28/25

101 Montvale Ave was sold to Nelson, Darby A and Brantley, Shelby L by Flippy LLC for \$960,000 on 02/26/25

10 Russell Ct was sold to Roderick, Melissa M and Roderick, Erick D by Larson Mary A Est and Larson Sr, Kelly for \$1,100,000 on 02/26/25

20 Union St was sold to 20 Union St LLC by Campobasso Properties LL for \$987,500 on 02/24/25

278 Washington St #1 was sold to Morrison, Barbara P by Morres, Sandra R and Pernokas, Arthur C for \$250,000 on 02/26/25

278 Washington St #2 was sold to Morrison, Barbara P by Morres, Sandra R and Pernokas, Arthur C for \$250,000 on 02/26/25

278 Washington St #3 was sold to Morrison, Barbara P by Morres, Sandra R and Pernokas, Arthur C for \$250,000 on 02/26/25

• Arnold House FROM B-1

who's on suboxone or a methadone program...It's going to be a God-based 12-step program. That's what we're focusing on because that's what we believe is the only way to truly get sober."

Besides naming house managers with long-term sobriety to ensure the non-profits rules and regulations are being followed and that the house is kept in good order, the new recovery center will also include an operations manager who will be on the property during normal business hours.

MacDonald, who assured area neighbors of his intent to address any of their concerns and later promised to set-up a meeting with abutters to discuss those issues, also guaranteed that residents would be required to adhere to a strict set of house rules that includes:

- A requirement to participate in random drug testing;

- A rule that anyone who fails a drug test will have to immediately vacate the premises and return to a detox facility before returning;

- Curfews that will tentatively require all residents to return home by no later than 11 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends;

- A prohibition on congregating in front of the property or loitering around the surrounding neighborhood;

- And adherence to a code of conduct that includes a promise to be respectful to area neighbors by refraining from using offensive language, speeding around the neighborhood, or partaking in any other disruptive behaviors.



HISTORIC ARNOLD HOUSE

Arnold House's demise

Back in 2019, Stoneham's Arnold House nursing facility was by all accounts absolutely thriving as staff and residents at the family-run business heralded the local institution's 70th anniversary.

Dubbed by many as the "bed and breakfast of nursing homes", the 22-bed private facility, besides featuring traditional services like round the clock care from licensed nurses and medical staff and access to rehab services, also boasted somewhat unheard-of amenities like onsite laundry service, home meals cooked by a professional chef, and opportunities to partake in regular off-site excursions to area cultural and entertainment venues.

All of those services were provided in a luxuriously furnished Victorian-era home that overlooked the lush green fairways of Stoneham's par 3 Unicorn Golf Course. Blending in perfectly in that setting, the exterior grounds around 8,362 square foot estate included a series meticulously maintained garden and patio areas that burst with color during the spring and sum-

mer months as various flowering trees and plants bloomed.

Indeed, in an era where many independent "rest home" operators were being acquired by larger and deeper-pocketed competitors that were able to navigate an increasingly strict regulatory environment, the Arnold House was flourishing.

But a year after nursing home commemorated its 70th anniversary, Stoneham recorded its first COVID-19 cases. And as was the case for many historic restaurants, businesses, and institutions in the region, the pandemic proved to be the storm that the family-run business couldn't weather.

Forced to lower its occupancy levels and struggling with reoccurring manpower issues, Jil Sullivan, the facility's longtime director of nursing and the granddaughter of Arnold House founder Marjorie Cook, apprised residents and families in April of 2023 of the decision to shutter the landmark business.

"Since COVID, we've lost many excellent staff due to not wanting to get vaccinated [and we've spent] thousands of dollars to hire new staff with little to new success," Sullivan lamented in an open letter to residents and staff. "We've been dealing with little staff and the inability to increase our census, causing a financial loss."

After Sullivan approached town officials to offer the community a chance to acquire the historic property in the summer of 2023, town officials proposed renovating the building for municipal uses.

At the time, many suggested the complex would be a great spot for a new golf club-

house, while the local School Committee and others began eyeing the second story of the building as the district's new central offices.

Ultimately setting up a 12-person advisory committee to explore that potential, that panel of town officials and community members ultimately discovered a series of complicating factors that would likely drive up the costs of converting the property into office space and delay the timetable for finishing those renovations.

The issues identified by the Arnold House Advisory Committee included:

- Word that an independent appraiser had valued the property at just \$1.6 million, or some \$1.3 million less than what the town had agreed to pay for the site;

- Related news that the state Legislature, because of the vast difference between the \$2.9 million asking price and the appraisal, would need to pass a special bill sanctioning the deal;

- A prediction that the school department, should it desire to move ahead with a proposal to move its central headquarters to the site, would be unable to move into the building before the new high school opens next September;

- And an estimate that the town would have to pay another \$790,000 at a minimum in order to address code, disability access, and other basic renovation needs at the Victorian-era estate.

With that report in hand, Town Meeting residents overwhelmingly voted in Dec. of 2023 to block the appropriation of funding needed to follow through with the proposed real-estate deal.



Tewksbury Police Log

Lowell resident arrested on warrant for shoplifting, assault and battery, unarmed robbery

Monday, March 10

1:37 p.m. - Police sent into the station for a male party that got a fraudulent bill in the mail at H at Helvetia Drive. They reported party was spoken to. It appeared to have been a scam piece of mail from Verizon and there was no loss.

5:48 p.m. - Three individuals were impersonating staff at the store of Walmart and tried to gain access to employee authorized areas. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

7:51 p.m. - Caller reported her neighbor's dog has been barking outside for two hours at Newton Avenue. Police sent. They spoke with resident. They would be keeping the dog under control.

Tuesday, March 11

1:54 a.m. - A female out of Pondview Lane was acting erratically, moving furniture and "freaking out." She heard a "bunson burner" through the walls. Police sent. No noise at this time, and nobody answered the door.

12:19 p.m. - A 911 call from the property manager reported a disturbance

at Residences at Tewksbury Commons. Caller reported a male party was threatening to punch the maintenance worker over his vehicle being towed. Caller reported party was in a vehicle with a New Hampshire license plate. Police sent and officer filed a report.

2:01 p.m. - Caller reported an elderly female in a blue Buick was driving all over the road at Main Street and Chandler Street. Last seen going on Main Street passed Kyoto's. Police sent. They checked the area, but the vehicle was going on arrival.

6:51 p.m. - Employee at Motel 6 reported a female in front of the room did not have a room registered and her dog was being aggressive so the staff asked her to leave and she refused. Police sent. Party left without incident.

Wednesday, March 12

2:49 a.m. - Security for Bank of America reported a possible vagrant. One suspected male party wore black and red jacket with gray sweatpants. No further description. Police sent. The party was on their way.

4:46 a.m. - The caller heard the side door of her residence slammed a couple of times at South Street. Last time was 10 minutes ago. She was currently in the bathroom with the door locked. She suspected it may be her ex-boyfriend. She was home alone. Police sent. She got spooked and thought she heard something while in the shower. House checked and all was secure.

10:54 a.m. - Caller stated possible motor vehicle all over the road and the driver was reportedly texting at Whipple Road and Chandler Street. Police sent, but the vehicle was gone on arrival.

11:51 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an issue with the sale of a vehicle at Speed Motors. Police sent. They reported all parties spoken to. This was a civil issue, and advice was given.

12:02 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he believed someone had listening device inside his unit at Ames Hill Drive and his cell phone was also being monitored. Police sent. Male party was having issues with his phone and would contact tech support.

Thursday, March 13

sign of the vehicle.

1:45 p.m. - Employee reported a male and a female arguing in the lobby at Motel 6. Police sent. Saosadet Sayasane, 42, of 109 Blackbrook Drive in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for shoplifting, assault and battery, and attempt to commit crime to wit unarmed robbery.

4:41 p.m. - Caller reported her daughter's car was vandalized last night and they just noticed today at Marshall Street. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

8:35 p.m. - Manager at Market Basket reported there was a male, pregnant female, and three children out begging for change. Caller believed this family had been no trespassed before. Police sent. The male party was no longer on scene. Male party was already no trespassed. The female was being trespassed. All parties moved on. Officer filed a report.

9:53 p.m. - A 911 caller reported six or seven teenagers running around the street yelling at North Street. Police sent. Officer filed a report. A couple of individuals threw eggs at the residence.

Saturday, March 15

7:30 a.m. - A 911 call at Transitions Program for a combative patient going after a few other patients. No weapons involved. Male went back upstairs in living room. Police sent.

They stated just a verbal argument.

11:32 p.m. - Caller from East Street reported a truck was parked in the lot and the headlights have been shining into her home for over an hour. Police sent. Everyone cleared. Vehicle was a cruiser conducting traffic control and moving locations.

Sunday, March 16

12:33 a.m. - Front desk at Fair field Inn requested assistance removing five people from one of the rooms. There had been multiple noise complaints, and the involved parties threatened her when she asked them to leave. All parties were located in their room. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

1:19 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked on the street near her driveway at Charles Drive. Black sedan with dark windows occupied. Police sent. The vehicle was not occupied and was properly parked. Police spoke with the caller.

4:27 p.m. - Caller reported a male party was threatening them at Archstone Avenue. Caller believed his name was Chris and he used to reside and work there. Police sent. Christopher Politis, 180 Newbury St. in Danvers, was arrested and charged with fugitive from justice court warrant.



Wilmington Police Log

Lowell woman arrested for assault and battery

Friday, March 7:

9:41 a.m.: A caller on Shady Lane Drive reported that an unknown woman entered their in-law apartment, and when confronted, left the scene. It was discovered that the woman was a dog walker who went to the wrong house by mistake.

3:08 p.m.: Arcing wires on Shawsheen Avenue caused a tree to catch fire and drop a limb blocking the road. Reading light was sent to address the situation.

Saturday, March 8:

4:45 a.m.: Leeanna Lakeisha Edgar of 81A Manchester St., in Lowell, was arrested for assault & battery with a dangerous weapon. This followed a caller at Windsor Place on West Street reporting that her coworker punched her in the face, forced her to the ground, kicked her in the head and told her she had a firearm in her vehicle.

Sunday, March 9:

11:22 a.m.: A caller on Summer Street asked to speak with an officer regarding harassment by a neighbor. Police spoke with all parties involved.

11:52 a.m.: A caller at the North Intermediate School on Salem Street reported that around 10:55 a.m., a metallic gray SUV parked in the turnaround, and saw two people walking away from the school door. Police reviewed three hours of camera footage, but didn't find any activity.

Monday, March 10:

11:09 a.m.: The town clerk reported receiving a voicemail from an unknown resident, stating that someone was hunting with a bow and arrow on town land near the water towers.

6:26 p.m.: A caller at the Savers on Main Street reported that she believed the license plate to her gray 2024 Honda Civic had been stolen in the parking lot.

10:29 p.m.: A caller on Marcia Road reported a vehicle had parked outside their house for half an hour with their hazard lights on. The vehicle was found to be unoccupied, with the hazard lights left on by mistake.

Tuesday, March 11:

12:43 p.m.: A caller on Forest Street reported finding a bunch of nails at the

end of her driveway as she was coming home, and found it suspicious since the nails were held together by metal. The nails were found to have fallen off of a truck.

1:40 p.m.: A gray 2017 Subaru Outback, a white 2021 Kenworth Construction truck and a brown 2016 Subaru Forester were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Lowell Street. One vehicle was found on its hood, with two

people trapped inside. State police were notified, and shut down both lanes of the I-93 nearby.

6:29 p.m.: A walk-in party from Arnold Road reported being the victim of a scam, receiving emails from Paypal regarding charges put on her account, in spite of not even having a Paypal account. The woman was advised to watch her bank statement and was provided with credit company info.

Wednesday, March 12:

6:53 a.m.: A black 2009 Toyota Camry was involved in a motor vehicle accident on the I-93 NB Rt. 34., with police finding it on its side and smoking. One passenger reported they had minor cuts and

scrapes on their hand.

3:56 p.m.: A caller reported that her kids at the Wildwood Street School saw three middle-school aged juveniles break a window and enter the building. 10 juveniles were found at the scene, and were spoken to by the police.

5:09 p.m.: A caller reported that she received a call from someone claiming to be from the Wilmington Veterinary Hospital on Burlington Avenue, claiming that her cat had been hit by a vehicle and they needed \$900 for the cat's surgery. The veterinary hospital was closed at the time and unable to be called, but police advised the woman that it was a scam and not to send money.

Thursday, March 13:

1:04 a.m.: Police checked on a white 2006 Ford Taurus on Lowell Street with a woman sleeping inside, who police had a difficult time waking up. The woman showed no signs of impairment, refused medical attention, and was given permission to stay in the vehicle for the night.

6:44 p.m.: Jose de Arimateia Lemos da Costa of 63 Bucknam St., apt. #1, in Everett, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to stop or yield, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his white 2016 Chevy Cruze on Main Street.

Scalfani graduates from Mass. Firefighting Academy

STOW — State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy leadership announced the graduation of 33 firefighters including Vincent Scalfani of Wilmington from the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program.

"Massachusetts firefighters are on the frontlines protecting their communities every day, and today's graduates are needed now more than ever," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "The hundreds of hours of foundational training they've received will provide them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely."

"Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructors draw on decades of experience in the fire service to train new recruits," said Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Deputy Director Dennis A. Ball. "Through consistent classroom instruction and practical exercises, today's graduates have developed the tools they'll need to work seamlessly with veteran firefighters in their home departments and in neighboring communities as mutual aid."

The graduating firefighters of Class #327 represent the fire departments of Acton, Arlington, Ashland, Burlington, Dracut, Fall River, Holden, Littleton, Low-



▲ VINCENT SCALFANI

(Courtesy photo)

ell, Melrose, Methuen, Milford, Natick, Plainville, Watertown, Westborough, and Wilmington.

The Richard N. Bangs Outstanding Student Award, which is presented to one recruit in each graduating career recruit training class, was presented to Firefighter Michael Bodio of the Milford Fire Department. The award is named for the longtime chair of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council and reflects the recruit's academic and practical skills, testing, and evaluations over the course of the 10-week program.

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At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, recruits learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

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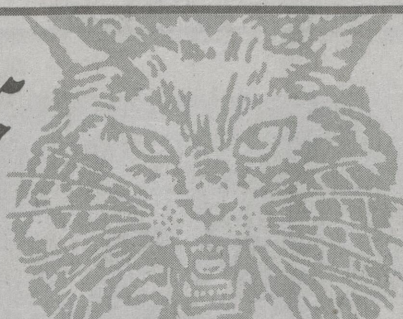


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Wilmington's Alle Delgenio, drives the ball during Wednesday's girls basketball game. Wilmington fell to host Tyngsboro 49-46.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Wildcats honored with several Middlesex League all-star selections

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Wilmington High had several Middlesex League all stars this winter in an exciting season for Wildcat squads.

The WHS boys basketball team might have enjoyed the largest turnaround of all Wilmington teams.

After struggling for wins a year ago, the Wildcats were in the chase for the Freedom Division championship throughout the season, ending the year with a 7-7 mark in the league

and qualifying for the state tournament.

Not surprisingly, Wilmington's resurgence came with some accolades.

Senior center Ayden Balter was named a league all star along with juniors Ryan Gray and Connor Sullivan.

Wilmington finished 12-8 overall and earned the 18th seed in Div. 3. WHS lost to Lynnfield in the opening round, 61-41.

Lynnfield lost its next game to Norwell, 70-48.

Norwell eventually won the Div. 3 state championship.

The Wilmington High girls basketball team also qualified for the state tournament and blew out Whittier Tech of Haverhill in the preliminary round, 73-44. The Wildcats lost in the first round of the playoffs against Pittsfield, 54-35.

Pittsfield then beat North Reading and Old Rochester Regional, advancing the state semifinals before losing to eventual state champion St. Mary's of Lynn. St. Mary's beat Norwell in the state title game, 46-38.

The Wildcats had two Freedom Division all stars

this season, seniors Eva Boudreau and Alle Delgenio. Boudreau surpassed the 1,000-point plateau for her career this season while Delgenio was one of the league's most well-rounded players as a point guard, scorer and passer.

Wilmington's boys hockey team didn't win more than it lost this season,

but the Wildcats were certainly rewarded for competing in one of the state's toughest conferences and earned a No. 8 seed in the Div. 4 state playoffs.

WHS lost to North Reading in the second round after defeating South Shore Vocational High School in the first playoff game. North Reading would fall to Stoneham in its next

game.

The Spartans would fall in the state semifinals to Winthrop, the eventual Div. 4 champion.

The Wildcats had one league all star, Colin Allard.

The girls hockey team, once again a cooperative team with Stoneham High,

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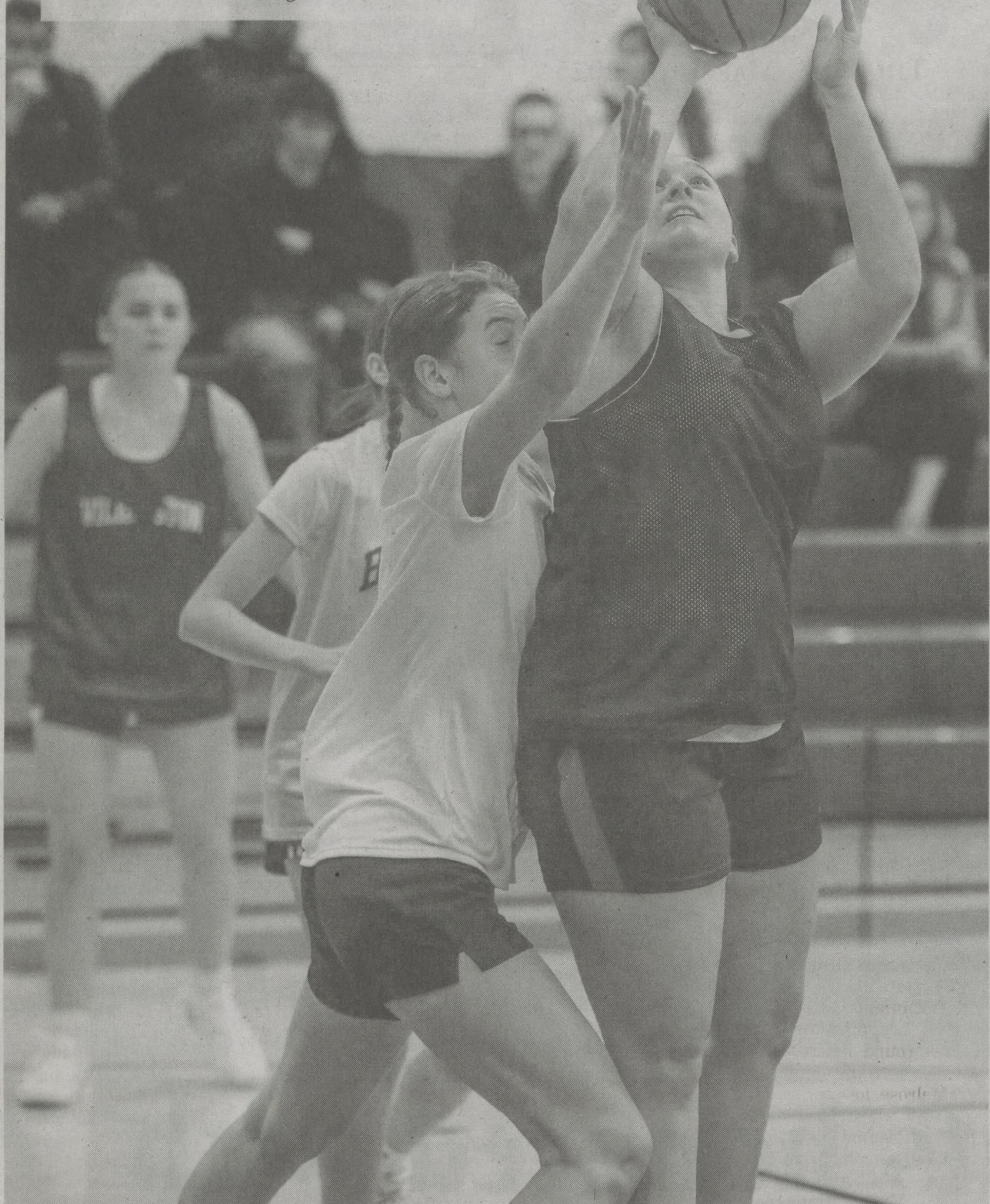


Ryan Gray helped the Wildcats reach the state tournament. (Joe Brown photo)



Connor Sullivan drives to the hoop for the WHS boys basketball team. (Joe Brown photo)

Eva Boudreau of Wilmington makes a shot under the basket after securing the rebound during Tuesday's scrimmage at Bedford High School. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



Wilmington's Maddie Plurad performs on the balance beam during Thursday's gymnastics competition against Reading. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



Wildcats earn league accolades

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had two league all stars.

Vivien Savoie of Wilmington was an all-conference selection after leading the team in scoring.

Savoie was also one of the team's Freedom Division all-star selections.

The Wilmington High wrestling team had a solid season.

Mohamed Said was an all-conference selection for his efforts at 190 pounds.

Said finished second in the Div. 3 North tournament and also ended up second in the Div. 3 state tournament.

During the regular season, he won the Sons of Italy tournament hosted by Wilmington.

The Wilmington High gymnastics team, a cooperative team with Bedford, had two all-star selections, Lexi Masters and Maddie Plurad.

Masters was also an all-

conference for her efforts as an all-around competitor.

The WHS track and field squads had several all-star performers.

For the girls, athletes recognized included Isabel Carriere in the 300-meter dash, Abby Howie in the shot put, Lexi LeBlanc in the 55-meter dash, Cate MacDonald in the 55-meter dash and the 4x200 relay team of Kayleigh Walker, MacDonald, Carriere, Avery King and LeBlanc.

The girls finished the season with a 4-1 record, behind only undefeated Melrose in the standings.

For the Wilmington boys, all-star selections included Ashvin Baker in the 300-meter dash, Dean Clampa in the mile, Martin Philiosaint in the 55-meter dash.

Baker was also honored as the Freedom Division's co-MVP along with Brendan Radzik of Melrose.

The WHS boys finished 2-3 overall.



▲ Bentley University's women's basketball team qualified for the Div. 2 quarterfinals.

(Photo courtesy of Bentley University)

Ducharme, Falcons are moving on

Bentley women's basketball reaches Div. 2 national quarterfinals

WALTHAM, Mass. — Following an amazing press-fueled second half comeback, the 33-1 Bentley University women's basketball team will be heading to Pittsburgh for the NCAA Division II Elite Eight.

The Falcons, down 15 early in the third quarter, ran off 14 unanswered to draw within one and ignite a game-ending 42-18 run to post a 72-63 victory over third-seeded Holy Family University Monday night on Barbara Stevens Court in the packed Dana Center.

The Elite Eight berth will be the 15th in program history and the first as head coach for C White. "I'm just overwhelmed with unbelievable emotion" said White, who played in two as a Falcon player and coached in

five under Naismith Memorial Hall of Famer Barbara Stevens.

Leading the way were NCAA Regional Most Outstanding Player Kylie DuCharme (Wilmington/Wilmington HS) and All-Regional team members Amanda Kabantu (Portland, Maine/Portland HS) and junior guard Cassidy Yeomans (Marion/Tabor Academy).

The 14-0 burst, over a span of just under four minutes, was ignited by a baseline jumper by Yeomans. Kabantu stuck a three from the left corner, sophomore guard Niya Morgens (Swampscott/St. Mary's HS) finished a fast break lay-up, Yeomans sank a three on a third-chance opportunity, and DuCharme scored on a pair of fast breaks to make it a one-point game.

The flurry featured three steals, including two by DuCharme, and a block shot by the tournament MVP.

DuCharme deflected being selected as the MVP, saying "my team put me in position to be successful."

"We always talk about doing the little things," said Yeomans. "Our defense fuels our offense. The press was the key."

Following a 6-0 run by the Tigers to start the second half, Bentley ran off nine in a row to take its first lead since 2-0, 5 Graduate forward Maggie Whitmore (South Portland, Maine/South Portland HS) hit from mid-range, Kabantu drained a three from the right side, Morgan scored on a fast break and junior post Ciara Norman (Roebling,

N.J./Life Center Academy) had an inside basket.

After junior guard Taylor Hinkle (Chalfont, Pa.) briefly returned the advantage to the visitors, lay-ups by Kabantu and DuCharme gave Bentley its first four-point lead of the game, 59-55 with 3:05 to play.

The lead hit five with 2:08 left when Morgen buried a three, following a DuCharme steal. That began a 6-0 spurt that extended the Falcon advantage to nine, 66-57, with 59.7 on the fourth-quarter clock.

Bentley closed out its 29th consecutive win by making four free throws in the final 40 seconds, including three of four by Whitmore.

Most of the first 20+ minutes belonged to Holy Family, which entered

halftime with a 38-26 lead, a .533 field goal percentage and six three-pointers in ten attempts.

Meanwhile, the Falcons shot only .387 and were just one of ten from downtown.

White praised the Tigers following the game, saying "they are tough as nails."

They are the toughest and deepest team we've faced. They are a fantastic team."

DuCharme had 15 points, eight rebounds, three steals and two blocks and concluded the regional with 68 points, 30 boards, seven helpers, eight takeaways and three rejections.

Kabantu led four Falcons in double figures with 16 points and both Whitmore and Morgen finished with 13.

Hinkle, who was selected for the All-Regional team, was outstanding for Holy Family, with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

After struggling with its shooting in the first half, Bentley was an impressive 17 of 28 in the second half, including four of nine from deep.

Bentley committed only three turnovers, its fewest in a game since Jan. 1, 2017. Ironically, that was also against Holy Family.

On the other hand, the Falcons forced 15 Tiger turnovers and finished with an 18-3 advantage in points off turns. After the halftime break, points off turns were 16-0.

The Elite Eight will get underway Monday with seedings and opponents scheduled to be announced Tuesday.



▲ Izzy Ferguson was a league all star for Shawsheen Tech girls basketball. (Joe Brown photo)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Several Rams earn all-star accolades

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Shawsheen Tech winter teams had several all-star selections this winter.

The Ram boys basketball squad had two all stars and both surpassed 1,000-career points this season.

Wilmington resident Matt Breen and Billerica's Franck Moron were both selected as Commonwealth Athletic Conference all stars after helping the Rams win a share of the league title and then the state's vocational championship.

Shawsheen made the Div. 3 state tournament,

but was upset in the opening round.

GIRLS BASKETBALL HAS TWO ALL STARS

Shawsheen Tech's girls basketball team didn't qualify for the state tournament, but still ended up with a pair of all-star selections.

Izzy Ferguson and Fiona Rexford were honored by the league.

While the Rams didn't reach the postseason, the team improved throughout the campaign with Rexford and Ferguson at the center of the team's progress.

FIVE BOYS HOCKEY

PLAYERS HONORED

The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team won the Commonwealth Athletic Conference title and the state's vocational championship this season.

The Rams also reached the state's MIAA Div. 3 tournament and topped East Longmeadow in the first round before falling to Melrose in Round 2.

Melrose lost to eventual state finalist Medfield in its next game.

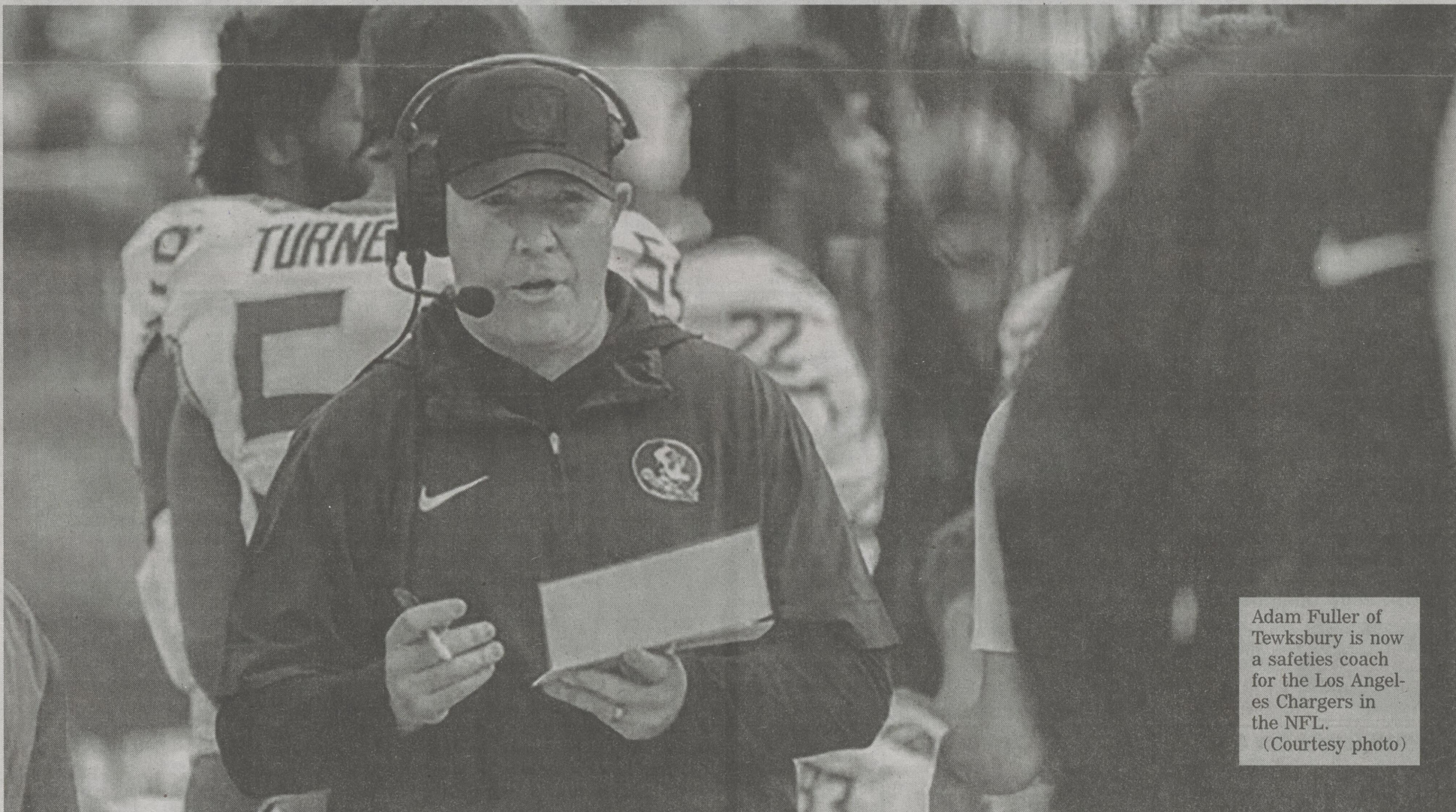
The Rams had five Commonwealth Athletic Conference all stars this season including Jacoby Patterson, Charlie Shannon, Larry Cullity, Justin Thibert and Josh Baker.



▲ Shawsheen Valley Tech's Franck Moron (left) fights for a layup as he is pressured by Greater Lowell Tech's Alex Ayim during Tuesday's boys basketball game in Tyngsboro. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



Shawsheen Tech's Josh Baker, left, battles Zach Anderson of Methuen during Thursday's boys hockey game. Shawsheen and Methuen skated to a 3-3 tie. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



Adam Fuller of Tewksbury is now a safeties coach for the Los Angeles Chargers in the NFL. (Courtesy photo)

Fuller earns NFL coaching job

Former TMHS football standout will work on staff for LA Chargers

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Adam Fuller has reached the pinnacle of football.

But the newly-minted NFL coach will never forget where he came from.

"I was just a kid going to Saint William's church on Sundays and going down to Livingston Street and hitting baseballs," Fuller said.

The 1994 Tewksbury High graduate forever dreamed of making it big as a youngster in Tewksbury with high athletic aspirations. And after over 20 years of collegiate coaching experience from the Div. 3 to Div. 1 ranks, Fuller was named safeties coach of the Los Angeles Chargers last month to

join Jim Harbaugh's staff.

Fuller certainly paid his dues in the college circuit, beginning as a linebackers coach at WPI in 1998 and most recently serving as the defensive coordinator at Florida State since 2020.

But it all started in Tewksbury — not exactly a hotbed for NFL prospects.

"That's not one of those places that you have NFL people walking around town," Fuller said.

After being a member of a Redmen team that played in the Div. 1 Super Bowl in 1990, ultimately falling short against Peabody, Fuller graduated in 1994 and went on to play college ball at Sacred Heart University.

He garnered All-America status in 1996 as a linebacker, but he had a gut feeling his career would

end in college. His playing career, that is.

After a conversation with his Sacred Heart coaching staff, Fuller kickstarted his coaching career at WPI.

"I didn't know at that point what it was going to entail or what I was going to do or if it was going to be my life — I just knew I loved football, and I didn't know what else to start doing with my life yet," Fuller said.

Fuller never looked back, making coaching stops at Wagner, Richmond, Assumption, Chatanooga, Marshall, Memphis and Florida State from 1999-2024.

Fuller said it was always his goal to make it to the NFL. As he worked his way up the coaching ladder, he made an effort to put his name out in the

NFL landscape however he could — whether it was writing letters to coaches and coordinators or visiting team practices.

"I wanted to just get better at the jobs I had, but every time I had time when I was a younger coach, I would travel everywhere I could to just about every NFL franchise and study and be around people just so when the moment came I'd be ready for it," Fuller said.

Fuller fell in love with the process of becoming a better coach.

"There's really no end of the day or start of the day — everything is just a continuation.

Those are just things I really got caught up in," Fuller said.

That preparation set the table for Fuller to estab-

lish himself as one of the most renowned defensive coordinators in the nation at Florida State. In 2023, he quarterbacked a Seminoles defense that enjoyed a 13-1 campaign while allowing just 19.3 points per game.

Fuller produced a plethora of NFL talent. He said he's coached 26 defensive players who elevated themselves to the league, including 2024 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year Jared Verse of the LA Rams.

"It gives validity to you and the work you've done when you start having a lot of players that are playing in the NFL," Fuller said. "They see how prepared they are."

Fuller will shift gears from defensive coordinator to the safeties, a posi-

tion he has specific experience coaching at Marshall in 2018.

Still, he stressed the "collaborative" nature of Harbaugh's staff and is ready to contribute in any way he can.

But when Fuller takes the field this fall on the NFL sidelines, he'll think about the kids like him back home in Tewksbury with dreams the size of football fields.

"It's going to show any kid back there now — I just happen to be coaching in the NFL — but it could be anything. And you can accomplish anything you put your mind to... people always want to make excuses why they can't, but when you show people that do, I think it just gives people inspiration and hope," he said.



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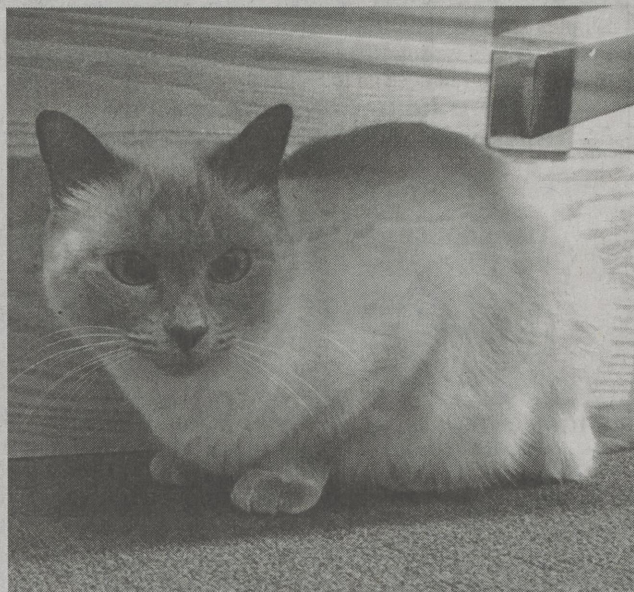
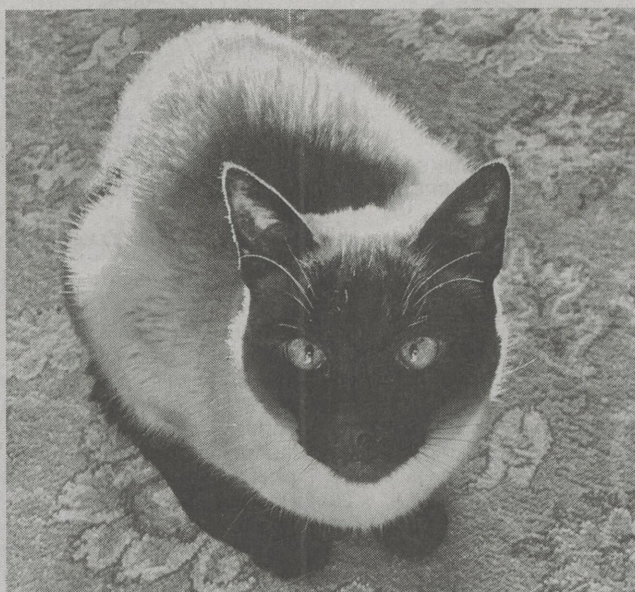
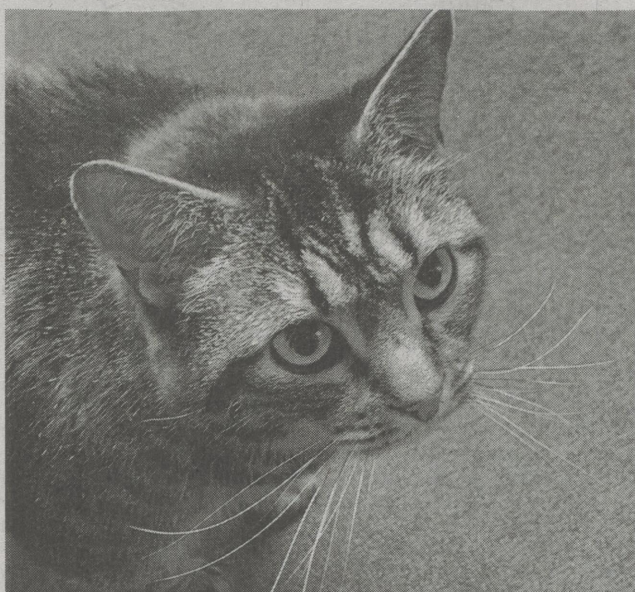
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No cat-astrophe as Cat Cafes are all the rage

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

For those coffee drinkers who want to enjoy a unique experience, you may want to scratch your next trip to Dunkins and instead plan a visit to a local Cat Cafe.

This trendy take on cafes combines the fun of a petting zoo, the feel good vibe of visiting an animal shelter, the relaxing feature of a purring cat, and the cozy gathering atmosphere of a local coffee shop.

Although this coffee shop/cat combination may be a new experience for most, and some may possibly even consider it odd to mix cats into the food service industry, in actuality, there is nothing new about this concept.

Cats have a long history of being allowed near human food sources as a form of protection from rodents.

Historians have found evidence that cats were kept by Chinese farmers over 10,000 years ago to protect food and crops from vermin.

This practice continued to progress throughout the world over time. It is even believed that cats rode side by side with the Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower to protect food rations from mice and vermin.

Even restaurants throughout history were known to appreciate the hunting skills

of an alley cat or two, as they would help keep establishments rodent free.

But it wasn't until 1998, when a cafe opened in Taipei, Taiwan called the Cat Flower Garden, that cats were featured as an attraction, and not as a pest exterminator, for an active food and beverage serving cafe.

This new style cafe was greeted with fanfare from visitors and tourists, and by 2004, the first cat cafe opened in Montreal, Canada, and quickly spread in popularity.

By 2019, there were over 120 cat cafes across America.

The business operation of these cafes varies from place to place.

Some cat cafes have separate spaces for food and beverage consumption and for the cat "hang out" area. Others combined the two into one open area for customers to enjoy their food with the company of a cat.

Often, cat cafes will double as adoption centers, offering a cozy atmosphere for potential cat owners to meet and adopt a cat.

The other form of cat cafes have a staff of "resident cats" that live at the location, and are there as an attraction for cat-lovers and soon-to-be cat lovers. These "resident cats" are typically not available for adoption.

Rules for these cat estab-

lishments also vary from place to place, as some will allow walk-ins, but most require pre-made reservations to prevent overwhelming the cats with too many visitors at once.

There are also rules that apply to human/cat contact. Although customers are welcome to talk to and pet cats, most cafes will have rules about picking up and holding cats.

Most businesses will provide healthy cat treats that can be purchased to feed to the cats, but human and outside cat foods are strictly forbidden.

Keep in mind if planning a family outing to visit a cat cafe, most have age requirements of anywhere between 8 and 14 years of age and older, and do not recommend visits for active children, as most cats are chill and sleep a lot during the day.

You should expect to pay a registration fee for visits to the cat cafe on top of any cost for food and beverages. These fees are typically applied to the cost of care for the cats.

In Massachusetts, we have three cat cafes that are all within a reasonable driving distance of Tewksbury and Wilmington that you can experience for yourself.

New this month to the City of Lowell, you will find The Lazy Cat Lounge, located at

177 Merrimack St.

This cafe features arts and crafts from local artisans that help create a warm and inviting atmosphere.

A great selection of coffee, tea and locally baked treats are available, and visitors are welcome to work, study, read, or relax while interacting with the resident cats.

Visitors eight years and older are welcome to try their luck as a walk-in visitor, but reservations are recommended. For more information on The Lazy Cat Lounge, or to book a reservation, visit www.lazycatlounge.com.

The Kitty Cat Cafe and Adoption Lounge, located at 108 Newbury Street, Unit C in Peabody, is a non-profit organization providing a warm and inviting place for potential cat families to meet and adopt a cat.

Cats are provided by rescue partners PAWS Wakefield and PALS Animal Life Savers in Salem.

Visitors are welcome to make a reservation to hang out and meet the cats without obligation to adopt.

If you are specifically in the market to adopt a kitten, keep in mind the Kitty Cat Cafe does not take in cats younger than nine months old.

▲ A visit to one of the area Cat Cafes is not only a fun way to spend an afternoon, but experts agree that the company of a cat can be good for your mental health. (Heather Burns photos)

Lifestyle

Those looking to adopt a young kitten are recommended to contact PAWS or PALS rescue centers directly.

A variety of drinks and pre-packaged bakery items are available for purchase on site, and children 8+ years are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Visits can be booked in advance online at www.kittycatcafema.com.

A Sanctuary Cafe, located at 80 Charles St. in Boston, has everything for the cat lover, coffee lover and book lover.

This unique cafe is a combination of neighborhood book store, friendly corner coffee shop, and cozy cat sanctuary where visitors can relax and play with the resident cats.

Each of these cafe components are under one roof, but the cat area is kept separate from the bookshop and the food and drink area.

The bookshop area has all the latest titles you may be looking for, as well as many titles by local authors and books specializing in local subjects.

The cafe offers a large selection of cold and hot drinks

with a rotating pastry menu. No reservations are required to visit the bookstore or the coffee cafe, but advanced reservations are required to visit with the cats.

A reservation is approximately one hour long and includes a \$10 credit to use in the cafe.

For more information on The Sanctuary Cafe or to make advance reservations to spend time with the cats, visit www.asanctuarycafe.com.

Before visiting any of the local cat cafes, it is recommended to view each establishment's own set of rules to make sure your expectations for your visit are realistic and the cafe will provide an enjoyable experience during your visit.

The next time you need to take a little break from your hectic week, consider scheduling a visit to one of these local cat cafes.

Experts agree that cats can have a calming and relaxing influence on your mood, and with the addition of a rich cup of coffee and tempting pastry, your visit might just add up to be a purrfect way to spend an afternoon.

Finance Committee reviews education budgets

By **ROSALYN IMPINK**
News Correspondent

TWEEKSBURY — The Tewksbury Finance Committee met on March 10, 2025 to discuss the fiscal year 2026 education budgets for Tewksbury Public Schools and Shawsheen Valley Technical High School.

TPS Superintendent Brenda Theriault-Regan and Business Manager David Libby presented the school department budget.

The budget consists of four major parts: salary, operating, and capital outlay, which are managed by the school, and fixed costs, which are shared with the town.

Libby explained that the FY26 budget is based off of last year's base budget; then, new revenues are allocated — 60 percent goes to the schools and 40 percent goes to town operations.

Libby outlined several areas of focus for the district budget, including: implementing recommendations of the recent special education audit; maximizing use of staff based on enrollment trends; moving staffing from contract services to district personnel; consolidating communications systems; continuing conversion of Smartboards to Cleartouch boards; providing inventory for the 1-to-1 device program; balancing capital outlay expenses with salary and operational needs; maintaining the Heath Brook and Dewing Schools for the next several years; and completing building and grounds system improvements.

Libby noted that the district may need to seek funding via Town Meeting articles for capital projects in order to use capital outlay funds for other operating expenses.

Libby said that payroll

typically accounts for about 70 percent of the district budget. His office takes the current payroll roster and advances each person by their projected steps, lanes, and longevity under the current contracts, and adjusting for retirements, vacancies, and grant funding.

Operational expenses typically account for 28 percent of the budget, with the district accounting for known contractual increases for transportation, utilities, service contracts, and occupational services tuition, and reviewing past spending.

Out-of-district tuition placements are increasing 3.67% per the state. Libby noted that future considerations to balance the budget may include reorganizing programming and improving communications on general education interventions for students.

Libby said that the district works with the town to understand what projected available revenues are going to be for the year. His office assesses available grants and revolving accounts to determine other revenue sources, matching recurring revenues to recurring expenses.

In total, the district requested a 3.63% increase in budget over FY2025. Libby noted that uncertainty around federal grants may affect what programs are funded and how students are served. Members discussed future building maintenance and renovation, noting that the school facilities study committee is working to assess current buildings. The committee also asked what it would take to reduce the cost of out-of-district tuition for special education students.

Theriault-Regan explained that it would require a

significant investment in in-district services to legally meet the needs of students.

"We don't have an exorbitant number of students in out-of-district placement, the cost is exorbitant," she said.

Shawsheen Tech Superintendent/Director Tony McIntosh presented the regional school district's FY2026 budget alongside Tewksbury representatives Robert Hutchins and Patricia Meuse. He noted that the district is starting the Massachusetts School Building Authority process to renovate the school building later this year; as a result, several capital projects have been postponed until cost and scope of the MSBA project is more defined.

The total Shawsheen Tech budget for FY2026 is \$39,959,681, 72% of which is instructional costs. Tewksbury's assessment is proposed at \$9 million, which includes capital and operating contributions; contributions are a function of enrollment by town.

Committee members asked about trends in program enrollment. McIntosh said that while most study areas have been consistent, building trades, including plumbing and electrical, are especially popular, with carpentry, HVAC, masonry, and automotive trades close behind.

Medical, dental, and health assisting programs are also heavily enrolled. McIntosh added that 94% of students got their preferred shop last year, and the school has been aggressively campaigning to inform families that students can transfer in as tenth graders.

Presentations are available to view online at www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of that certain mortgage given by Richard W. Proctor, Trustee of the March & Main Realty Trust to Tony Paglia, Trustee of the Paglia Trust and Richard Paglia, as tenants in common, dated February 19, 1999, and recorded with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 09952, Page 255, which mortgage has been assigned to Robert D. Paglia and Richard J. Paglia, individually, and as tenants in common, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, said premises, and the buildings thereon, will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on the 16th day of April, 2025, on the mortgaged premises at 2212 Main Street, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular, the premises described in said mortgage:

To Wit:

The land, with the buildings thereon, known and numbered as 2212 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Easterly side of Main Street and at Lot 3, as shown on Plan of Property surveyed for F.J. Foreman, A.N. Eames, Surveyor, dated April 2, 1949, recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 75, Plan 79A; thence the boundary line runs Northerly by Main Street, two hundred sixty-two and 51/100 feet; thence turning at a right angle and running Easterly, two hundred feet; thence turning at a right angle and running Southerly by land now or formerly of Ellen Mullally, two hundred sixty two and 51/100 feet; thence turning and running Westerly by Lot 3, as shown on said Plan, two hundred

feet to Main Street at the point of beginning.

Said premises are shown as Lot 4 on said Plan, containing 20,000 square feet and a parcel adjacent thereto on the Northerly side of said Lot 4 containing 32,502 square feet.

Reference is also made to Plan of Land in Tewksbury, surveyed for Alice L. McCann, Smith and Brooks, Civil Engineers, dated October 19, 1916, recorded with said Deeds, Plan Book 33, Plan 98.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagee by deed of The Laura Brogna Trust, dated August 12, 1997, recorded at Book 8723 page 17 at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds.

The description of the premises contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

TERMS OF SALE: \$10,000.00 non refundable deposit shall be paid in cash or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, and the balance to be paid in cash or by certified or bank cashier's check at the offices of Howard B. D'Amico, P.C., 33 Waldo Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01608, within 30 days of the sale. All bidders must exhibit said required deposit to the auctioneer immediately prior to the auction sale in order to qualify as a bidder.

Said premises will also be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights of way, easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, to the extent that the same are in force and applicable, outstanding taxes, tax titles, municipal or other public liens or assessments, water bills, sewer bills, liens or claims in the nature of liens, all existing encumbrances

of record created prior to this mortgage, and the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any. It shall be the bidders' sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning regulations. The mortgaged premises, if occupied, shall be conveyed subject to existing occupancies and/or tenancies.

This sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the Attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms and Conditions containing the above terms at the sale.

If the highest bidder fails to complete the purchase of the premises on the terms provided in this notice and in the Memorandum of Terms and Conditions signed following the sale, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the premises to the second highest bidder (or each subsequent highest bidder thereafter) who will then have five (5) days to deliver the deposit specified above to the Mortgagee's attorney as herein indicated, and to agree to a closing date for payment of the remaining balance of such subsequent highest bid and transfer of deed that is within thirty (30) days thereafter.

Present Holder of Said Mortgage
ROBERT D. PAGLIA and
RICHARD J. PAGLIA

By their Attorney
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION TO
SITE PLAN APPROVAL
(SPR/LD/SP 2024-37)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 7, 2025 at 7:05 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Eco Auto on behalf of Sterling Capital, LLC for a Modification to a Site Plan Approval for the expansion of a green auto dealership pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a reconfiguration of the previously approved buildings and parking areas as shown on plans filed with this Board

Said property is located at 611 Main Street, Assessor's Map 34, Lot 15, zoned General Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
250253 3/20,27/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Thomas Craig for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 100 Florida Road, Assessor's Map 81, Lot 237, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
250238 3/20,27/25

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P1323EA

Estate of: Joyce Helen Cann
Date of Death: 03/19/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kelly T Mellen of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Kelly T Mellen of Tewksbury MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/10/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 13, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
250289 3/20/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT

MIDDLESEX, SS:
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
DOCKET NO. MI25E0006PP

To:
Simone Roy of Tewksbury, MA,
James McGilvery of Tewksbury,
MA and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by, Simone Roy representing that they hold as a Joint Tenant in an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex, and briefly described as

33 Grasshopper Lane,
Tewksbury, MA 01876

The following described real estate property situate in the City of Tewksbury, County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to wit:

Being shown as Lot 40, Grasshopper Lane, as shown on a plan entitled, "Sub-Division Plan of Chandler Street Acres, Tewksbury, Massachusetts, dated December 22, 1953, Dana F. Perkins & Sons, Inc. surveyors, recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Book of Plans 84 and bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by Grasshopper Lane, one hundred (100) feet;

Northerly by Lot 41, as shown on said plan, one hundred nineteen and 24/100 (119.24) feet;

Easterly by parts of Lots 35 and 36, one hundred and 66/100 (100.66) feet; and

Southerly by Lot 39, as shown on said plan, one hundred seven and 74/100 (107.74) Feet.

Containing 11,349 +/- feet of land according to said plan, more or less.

Property Address: 33 Grasshopper Lane, Tewksbury, MA 01876

For title see Deed dated January 5, 1967 and recorded with Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 1781, Page 448.

Setting forth that the petitioner desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold at a private or public sale for not less than (\$545,000.00) FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, the commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such a manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Lowell before ten o'clock on the 16th Day of April 2025 the return date of this citation.

Witness, Honorable Terri Klug-Cafazza, First Justice of this Court, this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register Of Probate
250262 3/13,20,27/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 27, 2025, at 6:30 P.M., in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, for an application filed by John Hunt on behalf of Thomas Craig for variances under Section 5.3.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for maximum lot coverage & front setbacks to construct a 15' x 36' addition as shown on plans filed with the Board.

Said property is located at 100 FLORIDA RD Assessor's Map 81, Lot 237 zoned Residence 40 (R40).

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
250236 2/13,20/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on April 2, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, for a NOI application filed by June Cooney for construction of two single family homes within 100' of a bordering vegetative wetland.

The property subject to this application is located at 0 Livingston St TEWKSBURY, MA, Assessor's Map 77-20.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair
250279 3/20/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 7:10 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Erica Larner, Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, owner & applicant. This filing is to reconstruct the existing Route 38 (Main Street) roadway and improve the roadway and drainage infrastructure. This work is within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Riverfront Area, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, Bank, and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The project is located on Route 38 (Main Street) from Route 62 (Church Street/Burlington Avenue) to the Wilmington/Woburn City Line. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during normal business hours.

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 1, 2025, at 7:30p.m. in Room 9 in Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Sign Special Permit #25-04, plan entitled, "Closet Factory", dated May 15, 2024, last revised January 24, 2025, prepared by Spectrum Signs & Graphics, 97 Eddy Rd, Manchester, NH 03102. The application is for the installation of a 62.62sf wall sign. Said property is located at 355 Middlesex Avenue and shown on Assessor's Map 79 Parcel 31.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during normal business hours.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated:

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 27, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Richard Cuoco on behalf of June C. Cooney for variances under Section 5.3.2 for minimum frontage, Section 5.3.1.A.2 for minimum lot width, and a Special Permit under Section 8.1.3.A to make a nonconforming lot, to construct a single-family home as shown on plans filed with this Board

Said property is located at 0 Livingston Street. Assessor's Map 77, Lot 20, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
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Jean Marie Cole, Chair
Conservation Commission
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modifying Section 4.1.2 to include MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District as a listed overlay district and by creating a new Section 5.8 for the MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District to bring the Town of Tewksbury into compliance with M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 3A.

And take any action related thereto.

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map dated October 2023 by adding a crosshatched area under the new label "MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District" as shown on file with the Town Clerk's office.

Article

To see if the Town will amend Section 2, Section 4.2, and Section 5.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements to remain in the National Flood Insurance Program by taking certain actions to strikeout and insert new language in the sections indicated above.

And take any action related thereto.

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Floodplain Overlay District of the Zoning Map as provided by FEMA.

THE TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

Stephen Johnson, Chair
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 1, 2025, at 7:35 p.m. in Room 9 in Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Definitive Subdivision Plan #25-02 and Stormwater Management Permit #25-02, plan entitled, "Roadway Improvement Plan, Safford Street, Town of Wilmington"; dated November 25, prepared by Luke J. Roy, P.E., LJR Engineering, Inc., 234 Park Street, North Reading, MA 01864. This subdivision is for two (2) single-family lots and roadway improvements within Safford Street. Said property is located at 5, 7, and 9 Safford Street and shown on Assessor's Map 17 Parcels 10, 11, and 12

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during normal business hours.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
250251 3/13,20/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 7:05 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Brian Sullivan, 182 Woburn Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. This filing is to remove pavement and fencing to construct a single-family addition, rooftop infiltration, fencing, associated grading and utilities. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The property is located at 182 Woburn Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, and shown on the Assessor's Map 94 Parcel 92. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during normal business hours.

Jean Marie Cole, Chair
Conservation Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P1095EA

Estate of:
Carol A. O'Neill
Also Known As:
Carol O'Neill

Date of Death: January 21, 2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by the Petition of Petitioner Cheryl O'Neill of Nashua NH a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION TO MODIFY THE
POWERS OF A GUARDIAN
Docket No. SU23P2497GD

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and
Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114

In the interests of: Holly Leach of: Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Modify the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 1, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 9 in Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Definitive Subdivision Plan #25-01, and Stormwater Management Permit #25-03, plan entitled, "Definitive Subdivision, Gowing Road Extension"; dated February 27, 2025, prepared by Scott M. Cerrato, P.L.S., and Luke J. Roy, P.E., LJR Engineering, Inc., 234 Park Street, North Reading, MA 01864. This subdivision is for six (6) single-family lots. Said property is located at 15 Gowing Road and 43 Marcus Road and shown on Assessor's Map 92 Parcels 11 & 12.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during normal business hours.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Paul Alunni, Town of Wilmington Department of Public Works- Engineering Division, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. This filing is to improve existing drainage conditions along Woburn Street in the vicinity of Tracy Circle. The work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This project is located between Tracy Circle and 226 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during normal business hours.

Jean Marie Cole, Chair
Conservation Commission
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bate.

Cheryl O'Neill of Nashua NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 04/03/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 06, 2025
Stephanie Everett
Register of Probate
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Cell phone policy could be differentiated by grade

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needed to develop socialization skills. However, by high school, students may have developed these skills already. They expected the recommended policy on the use of cell phones to be differentiated by grade level.

Brown also highlighted a high school junior participating in the working group, Jackson Kylie. She said that Kylie has articulated his thoughts from a student perspective and been really mature throughout the process.

Nicholas Golden thanked Brown for capturing what the committee has been talking about. He agreed that he wanted to see guidelines for teachers emerge from this process along with rules that are stricter at the middle school than at the high school. He also hoped that they would consider student mental health with the policy.

Stephen Turner commented that teachers are asked to do a lot already and now expected to manage handheld technology. He said that some teachers use technology as part of teaching and learning.

He wanted to see the proposed rules or policy be nuanced and clear while also having buy-in and support from parents.

Brown replied that the parents of students today have learned to parent using cell phones.

"I know that communicating throughout the day is important," she continued. "It'll be a change if students have [to put] their phones away."

She suggested that some parents would struggle with a rule requiring students to put their phones away during the school day.

Jay Samaha added that putting the responsibility on teachers to manage cell phone use can harm their relationships with parents and students. He also said that having phones for personal use can damage the student learning environment and experience.

Brown went on to say that the cell phone working group is adding more meetings to extend the process, as elements such as background research and discussions have taken longer than anticipated. Once they receive all the survey results, they could decide what direc-

tion they want to go in based on the data.

Brand reminded the committee that the group would bring a recommended policy back to them for approval.

David Ragsdale said that the group's process had been thoughtful to accommodate different points of view.

Dr. Jenn Bryson asked if there was any issue with only the high school principal in the group and wondered if any other principals should be added. Golden said he was open to adding WMS Principal Brian Cairra. Ragsdale confirmed that they had middle school parents and staff in the group as well as elementary school parents.

Bryson shared that her own behavior around the use of cell phones has changed as the committee has talked about this issue over the past few years.

"I'm more aware of my own behaviors so as not to distract my students," she said.

Ragsdale also proposed that perhaps faculty could have norms for their permitted cell phone use instead of rules.

Devlin Medical Scholarship applications still available

The Trustees of the Dr. Thomas P. and Edwina H. Devlin Medical Scholarship Fund wish to remind local nursing and medical school students that scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 academic year are available. The deadline for submission of all materials is June 1, 2023.

All candidates must be

accepted at an accredited medical or nursing school or physician assistant program seeking a degree of M.D., D.O., P.A., N.P., or R.N. We do not accept applications from students in pre-med or other health-related fields or undergraduate programs.

Applicants must be residents of Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Stone-

ham, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, or Woburn.

For further information or to obtain an application, visit the website at: www.devlinmedicalscholarship.org (all one word, no hyphen). For questions, send an email to devlinscholarship@gmail.com or call 617-592-4448.

Minutemen installation of officers this Sunday

WILMINGTON — In conjunction with the 250th anniversary of our nation, the Wilmington Town Museum hosts the Wilmington Minutemen Installation of Officers on Sunday, March 23 at 1 p.m. at the museum at 406 Salem St., Wilmington.

Speakers include Museum curator Matthew Beres, State Senators Barry Finegold and Bruce Tarr, State Representative Dave Robertson, Select Board Chair Greg Bendel, and Wilmington Minutemen Captain Frank West. Several other area

Minutemen companies have been invited, as well. The public is invited to this event and meet the Minutemen afterwards.

After the installation, the museum will be open for tours and refreshments will be served.

Out of country medication policy is self-carry, self-administer

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to check that EpiPens and inhalers are current.

Samaha also wondered if there have been any issues where a student's medication is legal in the US but illegal in other countries, for example Adderall. Brown replied that parents simply need to list this medication on the field trip form.

Nicholas Golden asked if they could use the hosting family to administer the medication while students are staying out of the country in that sort of trip, but Brown said that the policy is always self-carry and self-administer out of the country.

Stephen Turner commented that the policy could use headers and sections to make it more manageable. Brown said she would take the com-

mittee's feedback and make further edits.

The second policy was presented by Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott out of the new requirement for competency determination from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Since the initial draft, Elliott shared that the policy was edited to allow students to appeal their competency determination decisions in writing to the principal.

Turner wondered if high needs students would have access to a process that is academically appropriate to them. Elliott's answer described that the new language for competency determination requires a passing grade in a grade ten course or its equivalent. She said that the last few words allow a portfolio of work to represent

the completion of mastery of established standards.

Samaha commented that he wanted to ensure that this process would be fair to everyone and not be biased against any group of students, as opposed to the MCAS test. Elliott shared that staff has the same expectations. She also said that they felt more confident implementing this competency determination policy now that there is established consistency in grade level expectations at the high school.

Dr. Jenn Bryson wondered if the policy could allow for meeting standards instead of a certain grade. She also suggested there may be multiple assignments students complete that meet the standards.

Elliott stated that there is a fine line between ensuring rigorous expectations on students, being

fair, and creating opportunities for students who weren't successful with MCAS tests. She also added that some schools are standards-based, but that also means students applying for college don't have grades or grade point averages to submit. Ragsdale pointed out that this policy needed

legal references and cross references to the graduation requirements policy. He also suggested fewer detail be outlined in the areas of the appeal process and specificity of showing mastery.

"Going through a course isn't necessarily showing mastery," he said.

Golden asked if they

could create a graphic on behalf of the school district with the release of this policy.

Elliott said that she would revise the proposed policy with hopes to get a version set for this year even if more updates are needed soon after.

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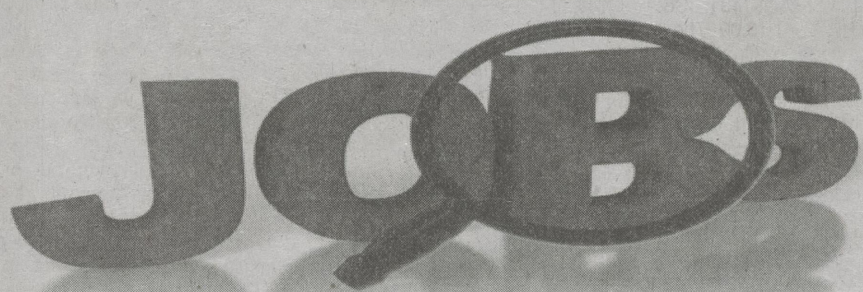
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Building climate resilience in Wilmington

WILMINGTON — A critical infrastructure project is underway to address persistent flooding and ecological concerns in Wilmington. Residents are invited to a public event to learn more about the planned upgrade of the culvert on Route 62 at Martin's Brook, a key step toward building climate resilience in the region.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: April 8, 2025
Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road

The existing culvert, which carries Martin's Brook beneath Route 62, received a "serious" condition rating in a 2024 Mass DOT assessment. The structure not only worsens flooding issues around Martins Pond but also poses a barrier to fish passage and aquatic habitat connectivity.

Addressing this longstanding problem is vital for the safety of the com-

munity and the health of the local ecosystem.

This event will provide an opportunity for residents, business owners, and stakeholders to hear directly from experts involved in the project. Speakers include:

- Amber Carr, Stream Continuity Program, Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration
- Paul Alunni and Valerie Gingrich, Town of Wilmington
- Bob Niccoli and Greg Gaudreau, The Engineering Corp

The discussion will be moderated by Neil Shea, Restoration Program Director at the Ipswich River Watershed Association.

Attendees will learn about the importance of upgrading the culvert, the expected benefits for flood mitigation and fish passage, and the next steps in the project. There will also be time for audience questions and feedback.

This initiative is support-

ed by the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program, which helps communities prepare for climate change impacts.

For more information about the event, please contact Carla Villa, Engagement Manager, Ipswich River Watershed Association.

About Ipswich River Watershed Association

The Ipswich River Watershed Association is a community-based organization with a single goal: to protect and restore the Ipswich River and its watershed, now and for future generations. Our experienced professional staff works with partner organizations and many dedicated volunteers.

We develop solutions to the problems we find and work with state and local officials, businesses and community members to protect the river, forever.

Yes campaign has endorsement of Rep. Robertson

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ers foot the entire bill for new schools by themselves.

• According to the town manager's budget presentation at the Jan. 27 Select Board meeting, if the town successfully completes the MSBA process for the west side of town after the North side school is completed,

a new PreK-5 school for the west side of town can be built without any override or debt exclusion.

• The town anticipates being able to afford a west side school because it will pay off OPEB debt (a kind of public employee benefit debt) by 2036, freeing up an estimated \$14 million from the town's annual budget.

Polar Plunge to take place at Silver Lake March 22

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Rotary Club and the WHS Interact Club will be conducting their third annual Polar Plunge at the Town Beach at Silver Lake on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 11 a.m.

This is a Fundraising event for Polio Plus, to support Rotary's continuing efforts to eradicate the disease of Polio from the World. Millions of dollars have been raised, and great strides have been

made, with only two countries still reporting new cases.

Help us to close the chapter on this debilitating disease once and for all. Come down to the Lake and support the participants, and perhaps consider making a donation to our GoFundMe account (<https://gofund.me/61660448>). Every dollar raised will be sent to Rotary International for their continuing efforts.

Wilmington Democratic Town Committee hosts Scholarship Breakfast

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Democratic Town Committee will be hosting its Scholarship Breakfast at 10 a.m. on March 29, 2025 at Rocco's Restaurant in Wilmington.

The proceeds from this breakfast support two scholarships for graduating Wilmington seniors.

They have invited a

number of democratic officials to speak at this event. Congressman Seth Moulton and Auditor Diana DiZogio are among those officials that have committed to the event so far.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Contact the Wilmington Democratic Town Committee at wilmingtondtc@gmail.com.

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